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## Schools want state to supply \$6M more

New formula eyed

By Brian Davidson

The Andover School Committee wants the state to pony up \$6.3 million more for Andover education.

The committee has voted to support a proposal put forth by Acton's School Committee to increase state aid to a minimum of \$2,000 per public school student. Under Chapter 70 of Massachusetts State Laws, the minimum currently sits at \$576 per pupil. While the average Massachusetts student receives \$3,342, Andover only sees \$903 per student.

A \$2,000 minimum would increase funding for a third of all communities statewide.

"Chapter 70 is in real need of revamping," said Andover School Committee Chairman Deb Silberstein. "We need to increase levels of funding that have suffered major decreases over the last few years."

Andover's public schools alone have lost \$2.3 million in state aid since 2002 - part of a trend that has hit the suburban districts particularly hard. Along with Andover, 18 other suburban communities have signed on to Acton's proposal thus far.

"We're hoping for more local communities to support this too," said Silberstein. "There seems to be real momentum for suburban districts on the state level."

With the modified Chapter 70 formula, total state funding

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PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Andover youth involved with youth services on Tuesday expressed more enthusiasm for building a youth center behind Doherty Middle School than they did for building a center in West Andover. They are, front row, from left: Kevin Anderson, Matt Liffman, Kyle King, Ethan Demark, Jonathan Levensen; and back row, from left: Kim McLeod, Cam McLeod, Chloe Sempere, Alex Ortstein and Dylan Golden.

### YOUTH CENTER LOCATION

## Does Doherty-lot site have legs?

By Greta Cuyler

Last week's surprise proposal to build a youth center downtown has generated as much town buzz as the top secret sale of the former Friendly's.

Larry Larsen, Andover Youth Foundation's president, and Jerry Silverman, also of AYF, announced plans last week to ask the town if AYF could build the much-discussed youth center in the site now occupied by a parking lot behind Doherty Middle School. That was a change

from the group's commitment to build on town-owned land near the former Ledge Road landfill in West Andover.

Ten students involved with youth services activities on Tuesday and interviewed by the *Townsman* expressed greater support for building a center at the Doherty Middle School parking lot site than near the Deyermund Fields and Ledge Road landfill in West Andover.

While the *Townsman* Web ques-

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**"Could it be done? I've seen clever architects do amazing things. But somebody's got to do the legwork and I don't have the money."**

TOWN MANAGER  
BUZZ STAPCZYNSKI

### TOWN MEETING

## Wetlands rules may evaporate

Cabana neighbors seek repeal of town bylaw

By Greta Cuyler

A neighbor of Andover's infamous cabana project - a two-story, 1,300 square foot pool-house some neighbors object to - has filed a petition asking Town Meeting voters repeal the local wetlands bylaw. The local regulation is at the center of the cabana controversy.

Michael Gillis of 2 Hazelwood Circle, filed the warrant article that will ask voters to debate the wetlands bylaw at April Town Meeting. He did not return a phone call.

The so-called cabana, which sits next to the newly constructed pool on Daniel and Lynn Gibson's property at 3 Hazelwood Circle, was built last year after the homeowners received verbal approval for a project from then Conservation Director Jim Greer. Town officials have said the project has been enlarged since that approval was given and add that Greer never had the authority to exempt the project from local wetlands bylaws. Only the Conservation Commission holds that approval, they have said. The commission was unaware the project existed until abutters raised concerns about the construction project neighbors say they were never notified about.

The cabana was built well-within the "no disturb" wetland buffer zone required by the town's wetland bylaws but was never approved by the town Conservation Commission.

"Wetlands laws, both state and local, protect the lands from flooding, from pollution and they protect the wildlife and the drinking water supply," said Robert Douglas, the town's new conservation director. "With the increased priority Andover citizens have for natural areas and open space, I'd be surprised if they vote to repeal (the bylaw)."

Seventeen signatures supporting the proposal

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## Andover Street: Nothing to be built behind homes

Ruling sidesteps larger 'paper street' issue

By Greta Cuyler

There will be no home built at 233R Andover Street in Ballardvale.

The Zoning Board of Appeals upheld the denial of a building permit to a local developer trying to create public right of ways on so-called "paper streets" - and a home in the woods behind other homes.

That means no precedent has been set on how paper streets will be developed in town. This issue will likely resurface as buildable land becomes scarce.

"I think an affirmative vote on a case like this opens up a major-league can of worms, in layman's terms, which would probably be irreversible," said board member Peter Reilly. With no definitive

appellate authority to fall back on, he said, "I feel it's not right for me as a board member to make this decision."

Developer William Johnson has worked nearly four years to develop the property he owns on a back lot behind Andover Street. But the only way to access the wooded property is to construct roadway along streets that exist only on an 1876 Registry of Deeds map of Andover. These paper streets were never actually created.

Under guidance from the town's building inspector and town counsel, Johnson installed pipes to access town water and sewer and began to pave an access road to his property from Andover Street. Then he was denied a

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PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

A developer paved a paper street - a street that existed only on an 1876 map - in an effort to provide access to and develop land behind homes on Andover Street. The town's zoning board has voted that he cannot develop this land.

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A partially paved "paper street," known as Reynolds Street, runs between two existing driveways off Andover Street.

## Board: Land not grandfathered from bylaws

■ **ANDOVER STREET**  
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town building permit last June. The zoning board decision turned on the whether Johnson's lot was "grandfathered" from zoning bylaws. Created in 1876, long before Andover had local zoning laws, it was considered a buildable lot at the time. The town took part of the land by eminent domain in 1971 as part of construction for neighboring South Elementary School. So the question became, if the land was altered, was it still exempt from current zoning laws? And if it was no longer grandfathered, did Johnson have a case for a building permit via variance or special permit?

The board voted 3-2 that the land in question was not grand-

fathered and therefore is subject to local zoning laws. Since the lot lacks the frontage required for building, because it is not on Andover Street, there will be no building permit issued.

The board then unanimously denied Johnson a special permit and/or variance for development.

This case has been reviewed by multiple town departments and boards. Attorneys for the town, Johnson and Ballardvale neighbors have been searching for underlying case law to support their arguments for this uncharted foray into town development. But the decision ultimately came down to the five zoning board members, and four of the five voting members were lay people, not attorneys.

Stephen Anderson, the only

lawyer on the board, voted in the developer's favor, indicating he thought the lot is grandfathered.

"Do I think this is good for the town? No. Do I think this is sensible planning? No. But is it the law? Yes," he said.

An underlying issue in this case was some neighbors' concern over Johnson developing plots of land that he owns adjacent to the lot in question. Although Johnson was seeking a building permit on only one lot now, neighbors worried that his intent was to open access to build a seven-unit subdivision on several different pieces on property in the woods behind Andover Street homes.

Steve Colyer, former planning director, said last year that there is no comprehensive list of paper streets that exist in

Andover.

Johnson vows to continue his fight in court.

## PCCD sewer deal clears way to growth

By Greta Cuyler

A local education center's quest for a building permit is finally over.

"I'm ecstatic," said Veryl Anderson, the executive director of the Professional Center for Child Development. "The excavator (truck) came back this morning. I never thought that would excite me, but it does."

Professional Center for Child Development serves special-needs children and has a June 30 deadline looming to correct several deficiencies cited by the state Department of Education. What began as a simple amendment to a sewer agreement to help the 32 Osgood St. center expand turned into a three-and-a-half month ordeal.

The center, which broke ground on its 8,000 square foot expansion Dec. 14, had to halt construction until it had a signed sewer agreement between the center, next-door neighbor Vicor Corp. and the towns of Andover and Tewksbury.

The center needed permission to tie in and use Vicor's excess sewer capacity to transi-

tion from an outdated septic system onto Tewksbury's sewer system.

David Cressman, Tewksbury's town manager, delayed the signing of the agreement for several weeks, insisting on a review of facts and figures to underscore the need for a revised agreement.

Tewksbury provided its final sign off last Thursday.

The center received approval for a building permit on Monday morning.

Anderson said the center's construction manager will likely ask for permission to work overtime to meet the June 30 deadline set by the state.

"I'm just happy that 'all's well that ends well,'" said Andrew Caffrey, the center's attorney.

If the Professional Center fails to take corrective action by next June, it could lose its full license to operate a private special education center. It would then have provisional approval and be subject to a corrective action plan by the state. The center could also lose some state funding or even face closure, said Anderson.

## Town to state: We need more for public schools

■ **SCHOOL FUNDING**  
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would increase by 5 percent, and translate to a \$6.3 million total increase for Andover, almost doubling what the town currently receives. The additional state money would take pressure off the town's budget, as School Committee members and parents are lobbying to get more of the town budget spent on education.

"It's up to the leadership of state officials to take the heat off of the town," said Townwide PTO Moderator Bill Pennington. "It's not up to the parents. It's concerning when there's an increase in revenue and state aid should go up, but the money goes somewhere else."

Support for the \$2,000 minimum funding proposal comes amid dissatisfaction from some officials with Gov. Mitt Romney's recently proposed education budget.

"The governor's proposed budget is of no help to Andover," Silberstein said. "What it increases in receipts it takes away in assessments. We expect that the governor's budget can do better and we expect the local delegation to help us fight the fight on the state level."

Silberstein's call for help has not fallen upon deaf ears, according to state legislators in the area.

"We've heard the call loud and clear," said State Rep. Barry Finegold. "Myself, Sen. (Sue) Tucker and Rep. Barbara L'Ital-

ien are going to be relentless advocates to see that Andover gets a significant increase in state aid."

According to Tucker, the minimum funding proposal is currently being analyzed to determine exactly how it would affect the state budget. A formal draft of the proposal has not yet been made.

"This specific proposal is a very laudable goal," Tucker said. "I'm pleased to see that the suburbs are banding together with a common goal in mind."

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## IN BRIEF

## PAST AND PRESENT



OLDER PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY; MODERN-DAY PHOTO BY TIM JEAN  
The German Club in Ballardvale built a clubhouse in 1885 at 154 Andover St. The club was known for its singing and the classes it organized in the 1890s. In the top photo, club members can be seen posing outside the home. The bottom photo shows the same building today.

## Andover's Edgerly, Dolan honored for public safety work

Last Thursday, Jan. 26, in keeping with a 45-year tradition, the Exchange Club of Lawrence, presented its Police, Fire & EMT of the Year Awards at the Wyndham Andover Hotel in Andover.

Andover's awards were given to Andover Police Patrolman Charles Edgerly and Fire Deputy Chief James J. Dolan. The Exchange Club submitted the following information about the Andover honorees.

## Patrolman Charles Edgerly

Edgerly is a 10-year member of the Andover Police Department. He is a mentor for the Andover Service Club's Mentor Program, helps run the department's Explorer Program, teaches health and safety classes at schools and to other community groups, assists with Project Lifesaver and works on many of the department's support units, FTO program, mountain bike and ATV units. As a certified instructor, he teaches CPR/first aid throughout the community. Andover Sgt. Barbara Connolly said it best when she stated that Edgerly would be the officer she would want to respond if anyone in her family or circle of friends needed a police officer. He exemplifies the Andover Police Department. Edgerly is also a master sergeant in the Air National Guard.

## Deputy Chief James J. Dolan

On Sept. 7, Dolan went for his daily five-mile

run. On this day, he decided to run across the John Cox Bridge which crosses the Merrimack River. As he started across the bridge, he noticed four or five high school-aged girls blocking the sidewalk. As he approached, he noticed a woman had climbed over the rail and was sitting on a two foot round pipe that ran alongside the bridge. He asked the girls if they had a cell phone and when they told him no, he asked them to stop traffic on the bridge and have someone call 911, tell the operator the situation and where they were located.

The woman in distress only spoke Spanish and fortunately, one of the girls was able to translate for him. He told the woman his name and that he was a firefighter, that he was her friend and wanted to help her. She answered that her family had disowned her and that she did not want to live. He held out his hand and asked her to hold his while they spoke but she refused. He kept talking to her in an attempt to keep her calm.

When Lowell Police Officer Norman Levasseur arrived, Dolan asked him to call for the Lowell Fire Department to get a boat into the water in case the woman went in. The distressed woman did not notice that Levasseur had come onto the sidewalk from the street and that is when he saw an opportunity to reach over and grab the woman by the back of her T-shirt. Dolan was then able to move closer and grab her arm while Levasseur grabbed the other arm, lifting her back over the rail.

## Statistics show 1 in 3 holding onto census

The annual town census for 2006 was mailed to residents Dec. 30. The town clerk's office reports a 66 percent return on the census to date.

The town clerk's office urges residents who have not returned their forms to do so.

An accurate count of all residents is important for the town for several reasons - for example, the current population count is the basis for allocation of state and federal funds. Compliance with this state requirement provides proof of residence to protect voting rights, veterans' bonuses, housing for the elderly and related benefits.

Also, a failure to return the census can affect one's active voting status. The town census is the only way the town clerk can verify residency and that is important for school enrollment, the voting lists and the maintenance of updated statistics.

Call the town clerk's office at 978-623-8255.

## Phillips fair highlights summer choices

High school and middle school students can get a jump on their summer plans by attending Phillips Academy's 15th annual Summer Opportunities Fair this Sunday, Feb. 5.

The fair, which is free and open to the public, gives students and their families a chance to meet with representatives from more than 70 local, national, and international summer programs as well as interim year programs. Programs featured focus on academic enrichment, outdoor adventure, international homestay, interim year, travel, internships, community service, camps, arts, sports and more.

Last year, Hannah Weiss, a Phillips student from Andover, used the fair to sign up for a three-week trip in the Caribbean with a program called Broadreach.

"We earned our American Sailing Association certificates while sailing from island to island in the French West Indies," she said in a release. She also earned two scuba-diving certifications.

The fair will run from noon to 2 p.m. and will be held in the Academy's Commons dining hall, located at 16 Salem St. The event is sponsored by the Phillips Academy Summer Opportunities Office and the Parents of Students of Phillips Academy.

For more information, call the Summer Opportunities Office at 978-749-4480. Or visit [www.andover.edu/summerops/sumops.htm](http://www.andover.edu/summerops/sumops.htm).

## Eating right? Find out

The Andover Board of Health is holding a cholesterol screening clinic on Wednesday, Feb. 5, from 9 a.m. until noon. An appointment is necessary. The clinic is for Andover residents only.

The simple finger-stick test costs \$5 and does not require fasting. For an appointment, call the health department at 978-623-8295. This program is made possible through a grant from the Andover Home for Aged People.

## Quote, unquote . . .

EVERYTHING THAT CAME OUT of my pocket every day for a year.

- The name of an art piece by Andover artist Doug Bell. The piece is, well, a collection of all the things he pulled out his pocket every day for year. (Story in Arts, page 17)

THE EXCAVATOR (TRUCK) came back this morning. I never thought that would excite me, but it does.

- Veryl Anderson, executive director of the Professional Center for Child Development, about construction starting again at the center. (Story, page 2)

## News Calendar

## Thursday, Feb. 2

Greater Lawrence Coalition on Bioterrorism, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 10 a.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, conference room, 7 p.m.

School Committee, School Administration Building, School Committee Room, 7 p.m.

## Saturday, Feb. 4

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, conference room, 9 a.m.

## Monday, Feb. 6

Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

## Tuesday, Feb. 7

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.

## Wednesday, Feb. 8

Finance Committee / Board of

Selectmen, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

## Monday, Feb. 13

Board of Health, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 6 p.m.

Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Finance Committee / Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

## Tuesday, Feb. 14

Planning Board, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Preservation Commission, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 6:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, Feb. 15

Finance Committee / Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Recycling Committee, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

## Scholarship opportunity available

Applications for Andover residents are available for the 2006 Community Volunteer Service Award, reports Andover Dollars for Scholars. Applications for the \$500 non-renewable scholarship must be postmarked no later than March 15, and may be obtained in the guidance office at Andover High School, or by contacting Diane Hender at 978-470-0869. The award is sponsored by AXA Achievement.

Samantha Berger, daughter of Carl and Mamie Berger, was selected as a recipient of a 2005 Community Volunteer Service Award. Berger was one of only 94 high school seniors chosen from among 1,500 students from 32 states to receive a scholarship toward her post-secondary education. A member of the Andover High School Class of 2005, Berger now is attending George Washington University. Her community involvement included almost three years as a

volunteer for the Samaritans of Merrimack Valley crisis lines, three years service on the Andover Youth Council and as a founding member of the Youth Action Council, and almost four years as a volunteer and mentor at the Lawrence Boys & Girls Club.

Students living in Andover are eligible to apply if they are enrolled or planning to enroll full time at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school and are entering an undergraduate program of study. Adult students entering or resuming a post-secondary undergraduate program of study also are eligible, as are past recipients of the award. Applicants are evaluated on their level of volunteer community service over the past four years, as well as academic achievement, work experience, school activities and a statement of goals.

## Correction

Last week's "Andover High School Roundup" in the sports section incorrectly detailed the future plans of Maria Nasta, girls ice-hockey player. Nasta plans to attend college next fall, said her family.

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## Some seniors offer input on youth, senior center needs

Supporters of an idea to build a privately funded youth center on a parking lot behind Doherty Middle School knew parking would be a concern with the plan. Seniors have confirmed it.

Senior citizen Dee Henry said parking at the senior center is already at a premium, forcing some visitors to use spaces at Doherty Middle School.

The AYF proposal also has left some seniors smarting, especially since the proposal to locate a senior center on a playing field just south of Doherty Middle failed during two Town Meeting votes last year.

"I think we deserve it. We've been here longer than the youth," said Claire Francis. "I don't think it's fair, I'm sorry. I guess they fig-

ure the seniors are dying off and will be off the list."

Dolores Haley said even if the youth center becomes a quasi-community center, youth and seniors will both be vying for the space during the summer. She said kids are in school during the winter, precisely the time when many seniors are housebound because of the weather.

In part, Haley blames Selectman Brian Major for the failure of the senior center, she said. "He doesn't dare show his face here," she said, adding that she believes seniors will work to vote him and fellow selectman Alex Vispoli out of office. Vispoli and Major voted against the senior-center proposal.

—Greta Cuyler



Kevin Anderson and Matt Liffman, who are growing their hair to be cut at a future Andover Youth Foundation telethon, say they like the idea of a youth center being built downtown.

## Doherty-lot site a hot topic

### ■ YOUTH CENTER

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tion obviously is not a scientific poll or measuring tool, more people responded to this week's Web question about the youth center idea than have ever done so, reflecting a high level of interest in the topic.

"(The Doherty site) is good, because we can come here once it gets dark," said Matt Liffman, 14, a West Middle School student.

"It solves issues with concerns over kids being rowdy," said Chloe Sempere, 17, an AHS student. "The police station is right here."

"I think it's pretty good because you're close to uptown, which is good, especially on Fridays," said Kyle King, 11, a West Middle student. But he wants his peers to have a final say in the decision. "I think there should be a vote for just kids," he said.

Not all response to the youth center proposal is positive. Some seniors at the senior center on Wednesday morning indicated that the town should look first to building a new senior center (see sidebar).

While all 10 kids interviewed

by the *Townsmen* prefer a youth center behind Doherty over one in West Andover, a decade-old proposal is also resurfacing — to build at Recreation Park off Abbot Street. Town Meeting voters rejected spending tax money to build a youth center at Rec Park back in 1995, shortly after the youth services department was founded.

"I think (the Doherty site) is better than West Andover, but my personal preference is Recreation Park, because you have Poms Pond, the forest, tennis courts, the hockey rink. But what you do get (from Doherty) is that it's downtown," said Dylan Golden, 17, a student at Andover High School.

Kim McLeod, 13, who attends West Middle School, agreed, saying, "Rec Park is central to where people hang out."

### West Andover

Larsen began to express concerns last fall about environmental conditions at the former landfill. In the seven years since the town approved more than \$2 million to improve the former landfill site, no work has begun. Now, the state has mandated that the town spend millions more to cap and recap the entire former landfill site.

"I think when you're dealing

with young people, you shouldn't take any chances," said State Rep. Barry Finegold, also an AYF member. "I think (the Doherty idea) is great. I think it's probably the best site in town and I'm 100 percent behind it," he said.

While the foundation has raised more than \$3 million in cash and pledges, donations to the youth center effort in West Andover have ground to a halt, Larsen said. Silverman and Larsen believe there will be significantly more support for a downtown Andover site — and therefore more donations.

AYF has raised enough to lay the entire foundation and to compete the core of the building: approximately 17,000 square feet creating a great room, a gymnasium and some smaller rooms. The rest of the facility will be completed after additional funds are raised, they said.

### Buzz

Stapczynski, town manager, has some practical concerns. He wants AYF to address parking and traffic issues and make a case to the Board of Selectmen.

"Could it be done? I've seen clever architects do amazing things," he said. "But somebody's got to do the legwork and I don't have the money."

AYF will fund the architectural plans, said Silverman, which will include replacing at least 40 parking spaces that will be displaced by the building. Silverman said AYF plans to collect 200 signatures and call a Special Town Meeting within the regular Town Meeting.



Kyle King: Kids should vote on site.



Chloe Sempere: Doherty site solves concerns over rowdiness.



Dylan Golden: Rec Park is best solution.

## Former ATF agent, online-school head plug into town race

Two challengers for incumbents Major and Teichert

By Brian Davidson

Incumbent selectmen Brian Major and Ted Teichert will have a race on their hands this reelection year, as Joseph Leone and Robert Coffill say they plan to run for selectman.

Leone, a 30 year resident of Andover, and Coffill, another longtime resident, indicated their decisions to run came primarily in response to the town's financial distress.

"I told myself, it's better to do something about it rather than just sit by idly," said Leone. Coffill said he doesn't plan on spending any money on his campaign.

"I challenge the selectmen to spend no money on their campaigns," Coffill said. "Give it to the schools and to the seniors who are being priced out of their homes. No money, no signs. Let's build our campaigns based on the issues."

In response to Coffill's challenge, Teichert said, "I'll do what I do for every election."

"I don't take anything for granted."

Leone

Leone, a retired federal agent, has a long history of civil service. After graduating from Lawrence High and the University of Miami, Leone immediately served a tour in Vietnam as an infantry lieutenant and paratrooper with the 82nd airborne, he said. Leone received a Bronze Star for valor in recognition for his service.

After his tour of duty in Vietnam, Leone became a Secret Service agent for six years out of the Boston field office, he said. He then became a special agent for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) before finishing his career as a special agent in charge of security in industry with the Department of Commerce.

"Our office had a \$3 million budget," he said. "It's not the biggest budget in the world, but it sure gives you an idea of how to run an organization."

Leone plans to sit down with his family and friends in the near future to discuss his cam-

paign strategy.

"Let's just see if I make the ballot first," he laughed.

Coffill

Central to Coffill's campaign will be the issue of budget efficiency. He proposes a full audit of all town government expenses to make sure that every expenditure is justified.

"I promise to dig, dig, dig, and come back with what I think is the best possible budget," he said. Coffill believes that Andover needs a

selectman with extensive experience in school administration, making him the candidate for the job.

"The selectmen need somebody who really knows school and town finances," he said. "The kids in this town are being robbed."

Coffill has spent much of his career in school administration. During the past 15 years, he has held 10 positions as a school leader, head of school or super-

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Robert Coffill: One of two new candidates

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## TOWN MEETING DECISIONS

## Voters will decide more than how to spend

By Brian Davidson

Not every article at Town Meeting deals with the budget. Several at this year's Town Meeting will affect residents' quality of life in other ways.

Should seniors unable to afford their rising taxes get a break on interest? How should development be controlled? What kind of changes should be encouraged regarding housing for seniors? These are among the main questions residents will tackle. More specifically, Town Meeting will ask voters, among other questions:

- Whether the town should

repeal its wetlands protection bylaw (see related story, page 1).

- Whether the town will vote to prohibit private uses such as fences, basketball hoops, lawn irrigation systems and gardens within the area between the pavement edge and the public right-of-way.

- Whether the town should allow the Board of Health to enter into a "memorandum of understanding" with the Greater Lawrence Coalition Emergency Preparedness Region 3B. Joining the coalition will insure that member communities provide mutual assistance in the event of

any public health emergencies, said Assistant Health Director Joanne Martell.

- If the town should amend its bylaws to control the maintenance and placement of newsracks (see related story below).

- If the town should add "contractor's yard" to the definitions in the zoning bylaw, as a yard to allow parking of commercial vehicles, storage of construction and earth materials, and building supply and fuel establishment.

- If the town will re-zone a Merrimack College-owned parcel of land on the southerly side of Haverhill Street from Single Family Residence B to Office Park.

- Whether the town should vote to create a seven-member Audit Committee responsible for the independent audit of all the

town's financial statements.

- If the town will amend the zoning bylaw with the intent of providing persons 55 years or older with more alternative housing and/or nursing care; developing supportive services for seniors outside of an institutional setting; and providing less expensive, low maintenance housing for the older population.

Council on Aging member Dorothy Bresnahan said the affordable housing issue is pertinent to the entire population.

"It isn't only the elderly who can't afford to live in Andover," she said. "The idea of affordable housing was to provide housing for the teachers, policemen, firemen, and blue collar workers of this town. People I know have trouble finding apartments that they can rent here, never mind houses they can buy."



FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The sewer expansion project that brought sewer connections to much of southern Andover also has brought a new need, says Public Works Director Jack Petkus: a \$500,000 truck.

## Town seeks newspaper racks bylaw

By Greta Cuyler

The Andover Main Street Committee wants to establish regulations dictating where and how newspapers and advertising circulars are sold in town.

Members of the downtown beautification project want to corral nearly 40 outdoor newsboxes into metal newsracks it will buy. It will place these in a limited number of locations in the downtown business district. The town would charge publications in the newsracks a fee, which would be used to maintain and replace the newsracks.

The proposed regulations must be approved by voters at 2006 Town Meeting.

"The Supreme Court ruled that you are allowed to regulate the boxes on the basis of safety and aesthetics," said Abby O'Hara, a member of the Main Street Committee.

There is opposition to the proposed bylaw.

"The warrant article as written is contrary to established law and is legally flawed," said Peter Caruso, the attorney for the Eagle Tribune Publishing Company (which publishes the *Andover Townsman*). "Limiting newspaper distribution by forcing newspapers into government owned boxes and then charging rent will not pass constitutional muster - at least not in America."

Tom Urbelis, the town's attorney, said he had discussed the newsrack issue "in passing" with Caruso.

Tentative locations for the newsracks include in front of Old Town Hall, at Andover Village parking lot, next to Perfecto's and next to Ultimate Perk, said Senior Town Planner Lisa Schwarz.

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg passed newsrack legislation in his city

in September 2002. That law requires that racks contain fresh copies, be registered with the city and properly maintained. Newsracks regulations exist in North Andover, too.

The *St. Petersburg Times* and the *Tampa Tribune* sued the city of Madeira Beach, Fla. in federal court, claiming a newsrack ordinance there violated free speech rights because it regulated the type and positioning of newsracks in the city.

## Fees

Each rack, made of steel or aluminum, can cost up to \$10,000 and can last 12 to 20 years, depending on construction. Money voters approved at 2002 Town Meeting for Main Street improvements would be used to buy the newsracks. The Board of Selectmen will set the monthly rental price paid by publications, although members of the Main Street Committee have mentioned a preliminary figure of \$50 per year.

The proposed racks are designed so that Andover could expand the number of papers at a given location. Each rack can hold anywhere from two to 40 papers. Not all of Andover's current newsboxes are unattractive, said Schwarz, but she believes the new system will be "simpler and cleaner."

The Planning Division and Department of Public Works will decide where to put the newsracks. Newsboxes on private property will not be affected by the proposed regulations, nor will store displays that spill onto the sidewalk.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The cabana above has attracted lots of attention for being built too close to wetlands. Now, some neighbors of it are looking to repeal the town's wetlands bylaw.

## Quick reversal sought

## ■ WETLANDS BYLAW

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accompanied Gillis' petition were certified by the town clerk. Gillis did not return a phone call from the *Townsman*, nor did 11 of the signers. Five signers had unlisted phone numbers.

It would seem the Gibsons'

cabana could still be subject to the local bylaw even if voters repealed it, since the cabana was under review while the law was still in effect.

However, the Gibsons have appealed their case to the state Department of Environmental Protection for superseding approval of their project.

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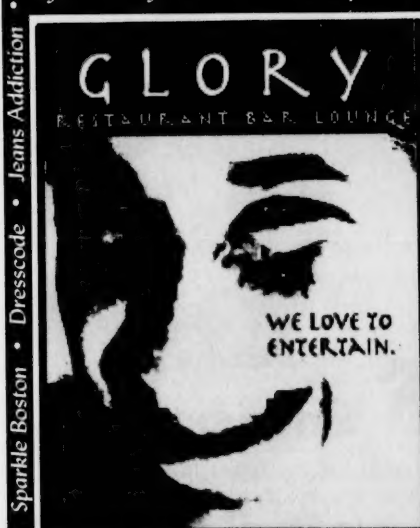


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## NEWS

## State: Main Street project could start in '06

By Greta Cuyler

Following nearly six months of delays, the Main Street project should be advertised and put out to bid by the end of February, said a spokesman for the Massachusetts Highway Department.

Construction could start in July or August, said state spokesman Erik Abell.

"We were certainly like to see this project funded for this year," he said.

The project's timing continues to depend on how Mass Highway decides to allocate its less-than-expected federal funding across a multitude of competing projects.

Once Andover's project gets the green light, the project will be advertised and the construction contract awarded to the lowest bidder, said Abell. Construction should begin four to five months later, he said.

"It's ready to go, everyone's excited about it and it has lots and lots of support," said Lisa Schwarz, a senior planner for the town.

One item still in negotiation is the future of a retaining wall on North Main Street across from the Andover Public Safety Center. The town wants to refurbish the wall to prevent future structural damage, at an estimated cost of \$600,000.

Mass Highway built that wall and Andover wants them to fund the work, either in whole or part.

"There is some question as to whether the wall is part (of the project)," said State Rep. Barry Finegold who confirmed he and State Sen. Sue Tucker are lobbying Mass Highway to help pay for that piece.

"The retaining wall along Route 28 does not fall with-



The Main Street project will focus on improving safety and traffic flow in the downtown.

in the project parameters," said Abell. "Mass Highway wouldn't fund it."

Abell said discussions of the wall came up early in the project design, but work was not included in the final project.

No matter what the future of the retaining wall, Main Street Committee member Sheila Doherty said there are plans to plant trees along that section of Route 28.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

## POLICE LOG

## ARRESTS

Friday, Jan. 27 - At 6:34 p.m., Lori Thayer, 35, of 46 High St., was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member, intimidating a witness and resisting arrest.

Sunday, Jan. 29 - At 1:02 a.m., Christian S. Stone, 21, of 39 Clark Road, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor.

At 3:41 p.m., Michael J. Trayers, 20, of 1 Pomeroy Road, was arrested and charged with possession of a Class D substance.

Tuesday, Jan. 31 - At 12:46 p.m., Daniel R. Brown, 33, of 4 Inman St., Apt. 27, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with carrying a dangerous weapon and operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license.

## INCIDENTS

Thursday, Jan. 26 - At 10:39 a.m., a resident reported a missing diamond.

At 12:12 p.m., police assisted the fire department at Shawshen Plaza to address the driver of a vehicle that failed to pull over for an emergency vehicle. Officers explained the rules of the road to the driver.

At 8:06 p.m., a resident reported a case of attempted fraud over the phone. Someone had called her and asked for her checking account number.

Friday, Jan. 27 - At 9:36 a.m., police received a report of two Greater Lawrence Technical School students in the discipline office on River Road with a bag of marijuana. The students will be summonsed to Lawrence District Court.

Saturday, Jan. 28 - At 6:04 p.m., a female reported a violation of a restraining order.

Sunday, Jan. 29 - At 9:07 p.m., a woman reported having an argument with her boyfriend and that he was going to throw out all of her personal belongings. When the officers spoke to the boyfriend, he said he was just mad because his girlfriend was talking while he was watching TV.

Monday, Jan. 30 - At 8:58 a.m., a caller reported finding a tan terrier with short hair weighing about 25 pounds. Police advised the caller to bring the dog to Andover Animal Hospital.

At 12:24 p.m., a resident called to report that his neighbor had exposed himself in front of his picture window twice this past weekend and the caller wanted to speak with an officer about this.

At 9:34 p.m., a caller reported a large sports utility vehicle with a damaged side mirror was driving down the street and smashing mailboxes. Officers checked the area with negative results.

## AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 25 - At 12:18 p.m., a woman reported that her purse was stolen from her vehicle while she was in CVS in North Andover.

At 6:24 p.m., officers recovered a vehicle stolen out of Tewksbury in the La Quinta Inn & Suites parking lot. The vehicle was towed and its owner notified.

Monday, Jan. 30 - At 6:47 a.m., a caller reported a motor vehicle break-in, but nothing was taken.

At 8:03 a.m., a resident reported that someone had broken into a motor vehicle overnight. Nothing was taken, but the window was smashed.

At 8:20 a.m., a resident reported a motor vehicle break into her unlocked car. The caller reported a cellular

phone and Walkman were missing and items from the glove compartment were strewn about.

At 9:42 a.m., a resident reported a motor vehicle break. Prescription medication and loose change was taken.

At 9:58 a.m., a resident reported a motor vehicle break that had occurred overnight.

Tuesday, Jan. 31 - At 1:44 p.m., police received a report that a student's car had been broken into on Shawshen Road.

## THEFTS

Wednesday, Jan. 25 - At 11:30 a.m., a local business reported a lost or stolen Blackberry PDA.

At 4:08 p.m., a resident reported that somebody tried to use his Sears credit card a year and half ago. An officer said the caller was intoxicated and was advised to call back later if he needs anything else.

Tuesday, Jan. 31 - At 7:39 p.m., a resident came into the station to report an identity theft.

## BREAKS

Wednesday, Jan. 25 - At 3:40 p.m., a resident reported that a former contractor (who worked at his house a while ago) just showed up at the his house, walked in, went down to the basement and took some items. The caller did not know what items the contractor took, or if they were his own tools or items belonging to the homeowner.

Friday, Jan. 27 - At 12:53 p.m., a resident reported an attempted break-in to her house last weekend.

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## LETTERS

## Law professor calls for Bill of Rights defense

Editor, *Townsmen*:

President George Bush defends anew the program of warrantless surveillance within the United States. He emphatically declares, "There's no doubt in my mind it is legal." Even assuming, contrary to what many Constitutional law scholars believe, that the administration's actions do not violate the Constitution or the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, to paraphrase the playwright Robert Bolt's words from *A Man for All Seasons*, "You may know what legal is, Mr. President, but is it right?"

The National Security Agency began its domestic spying through vast data-mining activities shortly after Bush assumed office, so why were we not safe on 9/11? Most Americans want to trust our government and want others to trust it as well. "Trust us," however, is no longer enough. The protections the Constitution guarantees is what all Americans can trust. The administration has coerced and cajoled us into condoning secret courts, hearings without notice, spying within the United States, torture, electronic surveillance, unauthorized wiretaps and the treatment of US citizens as "illegal enemy combatants."

"Nothing can destroy a government more quickly than its failure to observe its own laws, or worse, its disregard of the charter of its own existence," said Justice Thomas Clark in the Supreme Court's decision in *Mapp v. Ohio* in 1961, which found that warrantless searches violate the 4th and 14th amendments to the Constitution. This administration through acts of Congress or the president's inherent powers as commander in chief argues that it can disregard our nation's charter, centuries of law and the courageous acts of our founding fathers in pursuit of the enemy both at home and abroad. Have we forgotten that at one time our government spied on enemies such as lawful Vietnam War protesters and Martin Luther King Jr., or that even actor Paul Newman made Nixon's enemies list? Our Constitution, and its Bill of Rights, comprise our nation's charter and serves us well especially in perilous times.

Viewed through the lens of 200 years of hindsight, we take for granted our founding fathers' adoption of our Constitution. However, we must remember

that the rhetoric in the 1770s was even more passionate and heated because the risks were high and the liberty we now so willingly surrender was at risk. Had the American Revolution failed, those brilliant patriots faced charges of treason and a certain death. Despite the risks, they chose liberty. Today, Americans must do the same.

Our Constitution and its Bill of Rights contain the bedrock principles that continue to guide our country. Those promises drive American dreams and aspirations. All Americans are guaranteed the right to free speech, to privacy, and to be protected from unnecessary government intrusion into their personal lives. Never are the Constitution and its Bill of Rights more important than when an individual is in peril of losing his liberty and civil rights. Those documents provide shield and buckler against government intrusion in our lives.

While our founding fathers abhorred secrecy and protected the rights of all, there are some in the administration who would use these times to eviscerate our freedoms. Our founders chose to grant these rights even to persons charged with, and facing a high likelihood of conviction for, heinous crimes. These rights are not merely inconvenient technicalities to be dispensed with by executive fiat.

All Americans must be vigilant to defend our democracy both from foreign terrorists and from those who would use our fears to strip us of our freedoms. Our government can properly balance liberty and safety without sacrificing either. Wise leaders, like those who guided us in earlier dangerous times, practice principled behavior and do not prey on fears or abuse trust. Presidents and paupers alike are required to honor the rule of law.

So in these perilous times let us recommit ourselves to the Constitution and its Bill of Rights. Let us pray that our elected leaders find the courage and wisdom of those original patriots who magnificently struck that balance.

Mike Coyne  
Federal Street

Coyne is the associate dean and a professor of law at the Massachusetts School of Law in Andover.

## Choices needed to help elders stay in homes

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Most of the media did not pay much attention to 26 words in Gov. Mitt Romney's recent State of the State speech. He said, "And, there's more on my agenda for the coming year. I'll work for a program that gives seniors a better choice to age in their homes."

Just a few words, but it speaks volumes for what seniors and their families, as well as disabled adults, want regarding a "better choice" i.e. care at home. The age-old idea of a one-way ticket to a nursing home as a person becomes more disabled is simply not acceptable anymore to either elders or adults. Older people, and the disabled, want to be cared for at home. We need to have the benefits of a rehabilitative stay if needed in a quality institutional setting. But following that hopefully brief stay in an institutional setting, we are likely to want to return home where we can live

more independently. The choices available now to elders are very limited in terms of paying for this choice and quite often our elders are forced to stay in an institutional setting simply because the current payment systems is designed to keep them there. The legislature at this very moment has in its hands a solution to this issue. It's called the "equal choice" bill, and it's sitting in the health care bill conference committee.

Maybe those few words were lost to many of the governor's listeners, but not to advocates of the elderly and disabled who want to see change in our long term care policies. The governor was right: we all deserve "a better choice" in where and how we receive the care that someday we will all likely need.

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# Opinion

## Reasons to vote

FOLLOWING THE SURGE of patriotism that followed September 11, 2001, some believed people would show a greater appreciation for democracy. More of us would pay attention to the realities of public policy, debate issues and vote, they argued.

As many Americans remain obsessed with reality television and celebrity news, it's clear those predictions have not come true. One sign on the local level is that significantly fewer people – less than half the pre-9/11 numbers – have attended Town Meeting since 2002. Between 1,500 and 1,800 people attended the first night of the Annual Town Meetings in 1999, 2000 and 2001. During the past three years, Andover has not seen more than 770 people at the first night, said the town clerk's office. Such low attendance might be fueled in part by agreement on the budget in those years. But it is still noteworthy.

With this year's Town Meeting warrant released, it's clear residents have many reasons to become involved with the purest form of democracy – where debate between residents often rages. There is talk of a special vote on placing a youth center downtown. Residents will decide what limits the town can place on homeowners who want to use land near wetlands or public streets – even for things such as gardens and basketball hoops. They will vote on what type of zoning changes the town should have to encourage more housing and services for seniors. Residents' votes will determine if more is spent on education.

Town Meeting, the purest form of democracy, lets local people decide how their local government will run. And it's often a pretty interesting reality show of its own.

### Web question

#### More state money to towns?

Last week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question asked readers about building the proposed new youth center downtown behind Doherty Middle School. Is it a good idea? A record number of people – 337 – responded.

• 197 people, or 58 percent, said, "Yes, it's a great idea. I support a youth center and I want it downtown."

• 85 people, or 25 percent, said, "Yes, but there are lots of questions to be answered, such as 'Where would you park?' If supporters keep the public informed about the plans, I support it."

• 33 people, or 10 percent, "Absolutely not. It's too crowded near the school with the senior center and school administration offices nearby. It's just not a good spot."

• 15 people, or 4 percent, said, "No, because this just is not the right time to be talking about the youth center. We don't need it and supporters are having trouble raising money for it. Let's stop talking about it."

• 7 people, or 2 percent, said, "Other."

This week's *Townsman* Web-site question is about school funding. Nineteen suburban school districts around the state, including Andover, are pushing for more school money from the state. These communities want the state to give each community a minimum of \$2,000 per student. That's more than double the \$903 Andover gets now from the state currently. **Do you think it's a good idea for our School Committee to jump on this band wagon?**

• Yes, go for it. We should try to get money for our schools any way we can.

• Yes, because \$903 per student is much too low. This push will wake up state officials and get more desperately-needed cash for suburban schools.

• No, because school budgets are local problems and should be solved on the local level.

• No, because the state would likely raises taxes to pay for something like this, and taxes are high enough.

• Other.

To vote, surf to [www.andovertownsman.com](http://www.andovertownsman.com).

### LETTERS POLICY

THE *Townsman* accepts letters to the editor from the community. Letters must be typed and no longer than two, double-spaced pages. All letter writers must include addresses and phone numbers with their letters. The phone numbers will not be published. The paper reserves the right to edit letters at its discretion. Reasons for editing include editing for length, clarity and style.

Letters should be received by the *Townsman* by Monday at 5 p.m. for consideration in that week's paper. They may be sent by mail, fax or e-mail. Letters sent by e-mail should be sent to Neil Fater at [nfater@andovertownsman.com](mailto:nfater@andovertownsman.com), and included in the body of an e-mail, not as e-mail attachments. As a general rule, the paper does not publish anonymous letters or thank-you letters. It also does not publish letters for candidates in the issue prior to an election.

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### PINING FOR SPRING



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

A small pine cone was encrusted in ice at Harold Parker State Forest early on Wednesday, before the sun warmed the area.

## LETTERS

### YOUTH CENTER

#### Kids can walk to Doherty-lot site

Editor, *Townsman*:

I think building the youth center behind Doherty Middle School is an excellent idea. The central location is perfect for kids who live close to walk to, and for some to ride their bikes to. It is community-oriented as opposed to being "out in the woods" on Ledge Road.

Kim-Marie Mazur  
County Road

#### AYS investment paying dividends

Editor, *Townsman*:

Andover Youth Services has been an important part of the life of this town and particularly to a large segment of its youth. The resources and efforts of everyone at AYS have benefited the town, but I believe – and I've seen – that the lasting impact has been on the kids.

Andover needs many things to make it a great town. Most of them cost money. The citizens of Andover can rest assured that money spent on AYS, the youth center and the associated young people will be money well-spent, as it has been in the past.

Use the land near Doherty Middle School and find the funds to continue to improve an already exemplary program.

Tim Van Wey  
Salem

(The writer is a science teacher at Andover High School.)

#### About 'Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall's weekly e-mailed file contains quotations such as those on this page.

#### Turn Rec Park into a 'community campus'

Editor, *Townsman*:

I am writing in response to the Jan. 26 *Townsman* story on placement of the youth center ("Youth center behind Doherty?"). I am opposed to building the much needed youth center behind Doherty Middle School. The parking lots and fields there are part of an active and first-class middle school. They support not only the business of the school but also after-school activities including school clubs, music, football, baseball and soccer and are in near constant use. Traffic at school dismissal and on weekends (hopefully busy times for a youth center) is already heavy. In addition, by placing a building behind the school we would be destroying the very essence that makes it so attractive, the open space that connects the school with its athletic facilities.

In contrast there is a perfect spot in town for a "community campus" and that is Rec Park, off Abbot Street.

The town acquired this spot in the 1970s for recreation and conservation and the park is an underutilized jewel. It boasts tennis courts, basketball courts, playing fields, a pond with swimming and boating as well as ample space for hiking and building reasonable sized centers (youth, senior or combined). It is close enough to downtown to provide a nice walk for the healthy and is a short bus or car ride for those who are not as spry. Being near the geographic center of town it is accessible for most residents.

We have, perhaps, over emphasized the importance of the physical youth center building. The true value of any community center is the programs

that are run for the citizens of the town and the adjacent areas that support them. Exactly what is it about commercial downtown that people think is so desirable for a youth center? Wouldn't a little distance from the doughnuts and candy be better? What we need is a place where citizens of all ages can go to escape commercial pressures and enjoy the sound of the wind in the trees or lose themselves in physical activity. A community campus in Rec Park could be the centerpiece of a vibrant program worthy of the unique and attractive community that is Andover.

For residents who would like to voice their support or argue against this position I have set up an e-mail address at [AndoverRecPark@yahoo.com](mailto:AndoverRecPark@yahoo.com) and would welcome comments.

Christopher Quartararo  
70 Holt Road

#### Montana reader sees special connection with dog

Editor, *Townsman*:

My wife and I were surprised to find what appeared to be our old dog Bart pictured on the front page of the Jan. 12 *Townsman*. We were astonished to find that the dog's name is Tana, short for Montana, the state where we now live. And we were greatly amused to read about Tana's horror of thunderstorms. If caught outdoors by a thunderstorm, Bart would barrel for the nearest door, ours or anyone else's, and, hitting it full force, would usually, especially if it was a screen door, shatter it and scuttle for the first piece of furniture he could crawl under. We would soon receive a telephone call, requesting more or less politely that we come and get our #S%&\* dog. Apparently golden retrievers have a "thing" about electrical storms.

We wish Susan and Tom Hodgson many happy times with Tana, and we hope Tana may develop some degree of equanimity when the lightning flashes about.

I was born in Andover, and lived there until the Army Air Force took me away in 1942. I was a member of the class of '38 at Phillips Academy. I subscribe to the *Townsman* because



FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Susan Hodgson's dog, Montana, seemed to have the same issues as an old dog from Montana, wrote one letter writer.

I like to check up on what you folks are doing these days.

James E. Trott  
P.O. Box 1264  
Fort Benton, Mont.

## THE THURSDAY FILE

We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future.

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

It is not about the size of the stride but the step in and of itself.

SUE TOSTO

Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts.

A SIGN THAT HUNG IN ALBERT EINSTEIN'S PRINCETON OFFICE

The best job goes to the person who can get it done without passing the buck or coming back with excuses.

NAPOLÉON HILL  
1883-1970, SPEAKER AND  
MOTIVATIONAL WRITER

If you judge people, you have no time to love them.

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Eat a family's food, but do not tell its secrets.

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...it is in this whole process of meeting and solving problems that life has its meaning. Problems are the cutting edge that distinguishes between success and failure. Problems call forth our courage and our wisdom; indeed, they create our courage and our wisdom. It is only because of problems that we grow mentally and spiritually.

It is through the pain of confronting and resolving problems that we learn.

M. SCOTT PECK  
THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

MAYA ANGELOU

A successful man is he who receives a great deal from his fellow men, usually incomparably more than corresponds to his service to them. The value of a man, however, should be seen in what he gives and not what he is able to receive.

ALBERT EINSTEIN



## OBITUARIES

## Stephanie A. Cinelli

*Taught sign language; championed the disabled*

Stephanie Ann Cinelli, 31, died unexpectedly at her home in Yuma, Ariz. on Saturday, Jan. 14.

She was born on Dec. 27, 1974 in Malden. Until two years ago she was a resident of Andover. She was a graduate of Andover High School. She received the Associate in Science - Deaf Studies; Sign Language Interpreting degree from Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill.

While in Massachusetts, she worked as director of A Smoother Transition, a program to help the physically disabled become independent at the Northeast Independent Living Program Inc. in Lawrence. For the past two years she was a sign language interpreter for the Yuma Public Schools in Yuma, Ariz.

She was a member of the Spina Bifida Association of Massachusetts. She also was a member of the Adaptive Skiing Program at Waterville Valley, N.H.

She was spotlighted in a Dec. 6, 1990 *Andover Townsman* profile entitled "Handicapped is not part of her vocabulary."

"Non-handicapped people don't realize that people in wheelchairs can do a lot of things other people do when they put their minds to it," Ms. Cinelli said in the story about her life.

Members of her family include her parents, Ronald and Natalie Cinelli of Goodyear, Ariz., formerly of Andover; brother, Matthew and his wife, Sunni Cinelli of Las Vegas, Nev.; her fiancé, Nathan Sergeant, of Yuma; grandparents, Natale and Rose Romano of Melrose; several aunts and uncles; one niece; one nephew; seven cousins; and her service dog, Levi.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandmother, Thelma Bradway.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Stephanie Cinelli Memorial Fund, ASDB (Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind), Accounting, PO Box 88510, Tucson, AZ 85754. Johnson Mortuary handled the services and cremation in Yuma.

## Florence M. Curdo

*Worked as a nurse*

Florence M. (Smith) Curdo, 75, of North Andover and formerly of Andover, died Friday, Jan. 27 surrounded by her loving family.

Born and raised in Somerville, she graduated from the New England Baptist School of Nursing. In addition, she worked at Beth Israel Hospital and the Central Hospital in Somerville.



Florence M. Curdo

She enjoyed gardening and cooking and had a special passion for raising orchids. Members of her family include two sons, Erik Seymour and Chip Curdo, both of North Andover; two daughters, Julie and her husband Joe Cartier of Nashua, N.H., and Cecily and her husband Shaun Donohoe of Haverhill; three grandchildren; a sister, Helen Hilliard of Holliston; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

## Rita C. Ferrier

*Worked for the Andover schools*

Rita C. (Caron) Ferrier, 84, of Andover and Largo, Fla., died Friday, Jan. 27, in Florida.

Born in Lawrence, Feb. 2, 1921, she was previously employed with the Andover school system, Gillette Co., and Rotary Machine in Ballardvale.

She was a communicant of St. Augustine Church in Andover, and a member of the Red Hat Society and Coquino Cove Women's Club in Largo, Fla. Following her graduation from Lawrence High School, she attended secretarial school.

She was the widow of Robert L. Ferrier.

Members of her family include four children, Robert C. Ferrier and his wife Laura of Japan, Elizabeth Morgan of South Windsor, Conn., William A. Ferrier of Lawrence, and Barbara Sirois and her husband Edward of Fern Park, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by six sisters and one brother, Yvonne Leger, Eva Lord, Olivia Swenson, Aldea Moody, Jeanette Beliveau, Loretta Vielleux, and Roland Caron.

A funeral Mass will be said today, Thursday, Feb. 2, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St.

Calling hours were scheduled for yesterday, Wednesday, Feb. 1 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

## Anna W. Towne

*Town resident*

Anna W. (Rice) Towne, 90, of Andover, died Sunday, Jan. 29, at Baker-Katz Nursing Home in Haverhill.

Born in Wilmington, Oct. 26, 1915, she was the widow of Walter S. Towne.

Members of her family include her brother-in-law, Richard S. Olson of Londonderry, N.H.; and several nephews.

Arrangements were by Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

## Dale Edmands

*Local poet*

Dale Alison Edmands, of Pacific Grove, Calif. and formerly of Andover, a well-known and respected local poet, died in Pacific Grove on Sunday, Jan. 22. He was 61.

He was born in Lynn on Feb. 28, 1944. He attended Kimball Union Academy for two years and graduated from Huntington Academy in Boston.

He attended Syracuse University and Salem State College.

Mr. Edmands' poetry was recognized numerous times and frequently took honors in the *Eagle-Tribune* Spring Poetry Contest throughout the '80s and '90s. He encouraged the creativity of other poets by teaching poetry locally and also founded a community poetry Web site. He was actively involved as a coach and referee in the Andover Soccer Association

## DEATHS

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Stephanie A. Cinelli, 31  
Florence M. Curdo, 75  
Dorothy M. DeSantis, 91  
Dale Edmands, 61  
Rita C. Ferrier, 84  
Frank D. Foley, Jr., 82  
Lillian Garston, 88  
Grace Shirley Holt, 84  
Harvey C. Lewis  
Edmund P. Luther, 85  
William V. McDonald, 88  
Carmela Tombarello, 87  
Anna W. Towne, 90  
Janice Tracy, 62  
Marjorie Ellen Walsh, 72

## DEATHS ELSEWHERE

**BONIN** — Richard F. Bonin, 73, of Londonderry, N.H. and formerly of Lawrence, died Tuesday, Jan. 24, at his home. Members of his family include his sister-in-law, Jeanne Secoreccio of Andover.

**FOLEY** — Frank D. Foley Jr., 82, of Methuen, died Thursday, Jan. 26, at Mariner Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Mr. Foley had been employed as senior engineer for 30 years with the Raytheon Co. in Andover before his retirement.

**LUTHER** — Edmund P. Luther, 85, of Lynn, died suddenly on Monday, Jan. 30 at North Shore Medical Center Union

Hospital. Members of his family include his daughter, Karen E. Reed and her husband Douglas, and three grandchildren, Brady F., Courtney E., and Michael D. Reed, all of Andover.

**WALSH** — Marjorie Ellen Walsh, 72, of West Boxford, died Tuesday, Jan. 31. She worked at Raytheon in Andover for many years.

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throughout the '80s, coaching both his children.

For Andover's 350th Anniversary Celebration, Mr. Edmands was chosen to read one of his poems at the Old Town Hall, and it was then encased in the time capsule.

Members of his family include his twin brother, Wayne Edmands; sisters, Sandra Wright and Harriet Edmands; and brother, Frank Edmands Jr. His immediate family includes Linda M. Edmands; son, Douglas A. Edmands; and daughter, Hannah L. Edmands.

A memorial service will be held in Andover at South Church on Saturday, Feb. 4 at noon. Mr. Edmands' Web site will be ongoing and can be accessed at [www.kookamongasquare.com](http://www.kookamongasquare.com).

## Dorothy M. DeSantis

*Won blue ribbons for her needlepoint*

Dorothy M. (Berry) DeSantis, 91, died Saturday, Jan. 28, at Wingate at Andover.

Born and educated in Haverhill, she attended local schools.

For 21 years, she was employed with Raytheon in West Andover, retiring in 1977.

She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish/St. Theresa's Church in Methuen. Mrs. DeSantis won many blue ribbons at both the Topsfield and Deerfield Fairs for needlepoint. She loved to read, and had a green thumb for gardening.

She was the widow of Anthony DeSantis.

Members of her family include one daughter, Rita and her husband Richard Place of North Hampton, N.H.; two sons, David DeSantis of Florida, and retired Lawrence police officer Ronald and his wife Ruth Ann DeSantis of Hampstead, N.H.; daughter-in-law, Cheryl DeSan-

tis of Methuen; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wingate at Andover Activity Fund, 80 Andover St., Andover, 01810.

Arrangements were by the Pollard Funeral Home, Inc., 233 Lawrence St., Methuen.

## Lillian Garston

*Formerly of Andover*

Lillian (Kopelman) Garston, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and formerly of Lawrence and Andover, died Thursday, Jan. 26, at age 88.

She was the beloved widow of Henry Harris and Lewis Garston.

Members of her family include a son, Martin Harris and his wife Kay of Minnesota; a daughter, Lois Harris of Pompano Beach, Fla.; three sisters, Bunny (Barbara) Maren, Lorrie Kaitz, and Helen Kline; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her sister, Sue Kaufman.

Arrangements were by Breznjak-Rodman Levine-Briss.

## Carmela Tombarello

*Enjoyed being with family*

Carmela "Lena" Tombarello, 87, of Andover, formerly of Lawrence, died Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover.

She was born in Lawrence and was the daughter of the late Guiseppe and Corrandina (Schembri) Baglieri. Mrs. Tombarello was a graduate of Lawrence High School and lived in Lawrence for the greater part of her life.

She enjoyed sewing and crocheting, but her biggest love and enjoyment was her family and grandchildren.

She was the widow of Carl Tombarello, with whom she shared 48 years of marriage, and was the mother of the late Corinne A. Bellanti, and sister of the late Joseph and Anthony Baglieri.

Members of her family include her daughters, Lucille A. D'Agostino and her husband John of Salem, N.H., Jo Ann M. DeLucia and her husband Rocci Sr. of Salem, N.H., and Carleen

G. Johnson and her husband Dr. Thomas of Salem, N.H.; sister, Anne Mgrdichian of Methuen; several grandchildren, including Ronald J. Bellanti and Michael J. Bellanti, both of Andover; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Academy Manor Activity Fund, 89 Morton St., Andover.

## Grace S. Holt

*Lifelong resident*

Grace Shirley (Nussbaum) Holt, 84, a lifelong resident of Andover, died Monday Jan. 30, at Academy Manor surrounded by her family.

Born in North Andover, she was the daughter of the late Gus-

tave and Elizabeth (Beedy) Nussbaum.

Mrs. Holt graduated from the former Johnson High School, Class of 1939. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Andover, an avid bingo player and had a love for animals. Family members said her greatest passion was spending time with her children, grandchildren, and her great-grandson. She was the widow of Henry G. Holt.

Members of her family include her children, David G. Holt and his wife Akemi of Dover, Del., Cheryl L. Cameron and her companion Wayne Medeiros of Methuen, Patricia J. Carter and her husband Dick of Methuen and Helen E. Gerrior and her husband Brian of Andover; several grandchildren; one great-grandson; several nieces and nephews; and her sister, Marietta Johnson of Florida. She was predeceased by her granddaughter, Cindy, and her brother, Hollis Nussbaum.

Calling hours are today, Thursday, Feb. 2, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

A funeral service will be held tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. at the Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Burial will follow in the Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Boston Office, 330 Congress St., 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02210.

Harvey C. Lewis

*CEO of Chemco Corp.*

Harvey C. Lewis, of Andover, CEO of Chemco Corp. in Lawrence, died Mon-

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# Townspeople

## TOWN TALK



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K-9 Officer Stephen Neal and Niko are on call 24 hours a day in Andover and surrounding communities.

### Sniffing out trouble

There's a new sheriff in town. Three-year-old Niko has reason to swagger – he's Andover's official drug-sniffing dog. Sheriff James DiPaolo hosted the canine-unit graduation on Jan. 20 for five local area law-enforcement officers and their dogs. The German shepherd and his partner, Officer Stephen Neal, completed more than 4,000 hours of training to become certified in marijuana, hashish, cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine-related drug searches. "It's where we have a lot of activity and it works out well for us," said Andover Lt. James Hashem. Niko is also certified in patrol procedures. He can search and track suspects or missing children and perform building searches. Officer Neal has been with the police department for six years and has been the K-9 officer since June 2004. He and Niko are on call 24 hours a day in Andover and surrounding communities. This is the ninth year that the Middlesex County K-9 Narcotics Detection program has provided free training to any Massachusetts law enforcement agencies in need of a certified K-9 team, saving participating communities \$4,500.

— Greta Cuyler

### Roaming the Halls: Collins x 2 at AHS, but they're not related

If Andover High School were a mall, its anchor stores would be Collins and Collins.

With the recent renaming of the school's field house in honor of School Committeeman Richard J. "Dick" Collins, that side of the school building joins the other side of the school, the J. Everett Collins Performing Arts Center.

The connection is in name only. These Collins men are not related.

"I knew him and he was a dear friend...but we're not related," Dick Collins said of J. Everett Collins, a former selectman and 14-year state representative, who died in 1986.

Andover: A Century of Change reports J. Everett Collins – like Dick Collins – was more than just a politician. He was also an extremely well-known tenor and conductor and also an exceptional athlete. In fact, he falls into a rare category at AHS because he is a member of two Halls of Fame at the school, the fine arts and sports halls.

That's another Collins connection, as Dick Collins joined the AHS Sports Hall of Fame last month.

— Judy Wakefield

### Oops, my bad, wrong Andover!

Tuesday's wet weather and a town temperature that hovered around 35 degrees had some parents wondering if school was delayed due to icy conditions.

After all, a Boston news station reported Andover had a two-hour delay. That was Andover, N.H., Doherty Middle School's front office told parents who called.

It seems it was too early in the morning for some parents to read the fine print on their television screens.

— Judy Wakefield

## Driving history: English museum salutes the Red Cross WWII Clubmobile girl in UK is from Andover

By Judy Wakefield

ANDOVER NATIVE RUTH HAYES may not have the notoriety she deserves in town history books. But in England, it's a different story.

Hayes is part of a museum's salute to the role the American Red Cross played in England during World War II. Hayes is "the central feature" in an upcoming exhibit, according to the museum's spokesman. The museum has her Red Cross uniform and it is being displayed on a mannequin.

She was a member of the Clubmobile in England, and she helped deliver doughnuts and coffee to the troops, according to Tony L. Oliver of the History on Wheels Motor Museum. The 30-year-old museum is located in Berkshire, England.

"This very brave, patriotic, good lady arrived in the UK (in) early 1944 and formed part of the Clubmobile crew, carrying doughnuts, coffee, etc. to the troops," Oliver wrote to the *Townsmen*, in hopes of learning more about her and her hometown.

Oliver said she formerly lived at 28 Phillips St. and she died in November 1976. But Julie Mofford of Andover Historical Society has no record of Hayes.

"The only Hayes we have is Bartlett Hayes and he was connected to Phillips (Academy)," she said. "We don't know about Ruth Hayes."

John Doherty, director of veterans services, had a similar response. He doesn't have any record of her either.

"I have contacted the Red Cross and they are looking into this. They should get back to me soon," he said.

Hayes' obituary which was published in the *Townsmen* on Nov. 18, 1976 (page 22). Her Red Cross service was highlighted, and the obituary noted that she had traveled around the world as a volunteer for most of her adult life.

Her mother founded the Andover chapter of the Red Cross and Hayes volunteered in Andover later in life. She was 66 when she died.

That Red Cross commitment is getting much notice at the England museum as "a large proportion of the museum celebrates US-UK cooperation through two World Wars," Oliver wrote. Miss Hayes played an important role.

Here is what he wrote about Miss Hayes:

### 22 Ruth Hayes, Ardent Red Cross Worker

Memorial services for Miss Ruth Hayes, 66, of 28 Phillips Street, Andover, who died Saturday, will be held at Christ Episcopal Church, Andover, on Friday at 3 p.m.

A lifelong resident of Andover, Miss Hayes graduated from Miss Porter's School in Farmington, Connecticut.

She began her long service with the American Red Cross during World War II, serving in Iceland, Britain, France and Germany with General Patton's 3rd Army, including the Battle of the Bulge (Germany).

After the War, Miss Hayes continued her volunteer service with the Andover Chapter of the American Red Cross, which her mother had formed during World War I, and was a member of its Board of Directors.

For many years, Miss Hayes worked as an active volunteer at the Lawrence General Hospital.

She served on the State Field Service Committee of the American Cancer Society and for eleven years as Chairman of Special Gifts of the Special Gifts operation of the Greater



Ruth Hayes

and young people, she was awarded a Varsity A from the coaches and hockey team of 1974, Phillips Academy, Andover, in appreciation and gratitude for her loyalty and encouragement to all who played hockey at Andover for the past fifteen years. At Phillips Academy's Protes-

The November 18, 1976 issue of the *Andover Townsmen* published an obituary for Ruth Hayes. A museum in England is looking for information about Hayes.

"Very shortly after D-Day, Ruth Hayes was with the FIRST Clubmobile & Crew from Group B to arrive off shore on Utah Beach on July 14, 1944, at 9 p.m. The Clubmobile was able to land on the beach on July 16. Ruth Hayes and her Clubmobile arrived in liberated Paris on Aug. 26. They were in Eupen on Dec. 16, in time for the breakthrough. On Dec. 20, they were in Herve, Belgium.

"Clubmobile girl Kathleen Cullen, from Ruth's Group B, was killed by enemy fire,

and was the only Clubmobile girl to be killed in action during World War II. Only four Clubmobile girls were permitted to attend Kathleen's funeral. Ruth Hayes was one of them."

The museum will produce an illustrated booklet about Hayes, and Oliver hopes someone in her hometown might remember her.

If you know of her, e-mail the *Townsmen* at [jwakefield@andovertownsmen.com](mailto:jwakefield@andovertownsmen.com), or e-mail Oliver at [info@historyonwheels.co.uk](mailto:info@historyonwheels.co.uk).

### The Chandler Bigsby Abbot home, 88 Lowell St.

## Oldest home in town hits the market

By Judy Wakefield

The oldest home in town – one built in the 1670s – is on the market.

The Chandler Bigsby Abbot home at 88 Lowell St. is for sale, said Karen Herman, Preservation Committee chairwoman.

She said Mike Ristuccia, a local developer best known for historic preservation, is looking to buy the old home. Ristuccia has bought, moved and restored two old homes by bringing them on a tractor-trailer truck down South Main Street.

"He is a gift to our town and is willing to take on this project," Herman said of Ristuccia. "We call this a first period house and there is a very limited market (in terms of buyers)...but if anyone can do it, he can."

Ristuccia is looking to get historic designation on the property. The long process to buy the home, which has been family-owned for decades and needs lots of work, is set to begin soon.

Herman said the first step is for the town's zoning board to visit the site and deem it worthy of a historic designation.

The matter is scheduled to be discussed at a ZBA meeting tonight, Thursday, with a site visit to follow sometime soon, Herman said.

There is no "for sale" at the home and no one answered the door on Tuesday afternoon. The home is valued at \$537,900 and sits on 1.1 acres, according to the assessed values listed on the town's Web site.

Ristuccia was not available for comment



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Mike Ristuccia bought the home at 11 Clark Road and has plans to build a second house on the 35,000-square-foot lot.



PHOTO BY JUDY WAKEFIELD

The Chandler Bigsby Abbot home, 88 Lowell St., has caught the eye of local developer Mike Ristuccia, who has so far bought, moved and restored two old homes. Ristuccia is looking to buy the old home.

before *Townsmen* presstime this week.

Meanwhile, another restoration project in Ballardvale is close to crossing another hurdle. Ristuccia bought the home at 11 Clark Road, which was built in the 1850s and was part of the original mill village.

The Ballardvale Historic District has been overseeing its restoration for years, Herman said.

Ristuccia's restoration plan for the 35,000-square-foot lot includes building another house on the lot.

"I haven't seen his plans, but I'm sure it will be a historic-looking house," Herman said of the second house on the Clark Road property.

Ballardvale Historic District chairman

James Sheldon did not return a telephone call before deadline.

"That one has already been approved by the zoning board and there are restrictions on what can be done to the home," Herman said of the Clark Road home.

Ristuccia's preservation portfolio in Andover includes a mid-18th century Federal-style home that he moved from 221-223 South Main St. (Route 28), across the street to

352 South Main St. Selectmen approved the home's historic designation last November. It currently has a "for sale" sign in its front lawn.

"It's important for towns to preserve their history," Herman said. "This is the right way to go."

"He is a gift to our town and is willing to take on this project."

KAREN HERMAN, PRESERVATION COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMAN, SPEAKING ABOUT LOCAL DEVELOPER MIKE RISTUCCIA



## FIRST BIRTHDAYS



Abigail Grace Kirby

Abigail Grace Kirby, the daughter of Timothy and Sherry Kirby of Andover Street, turned 1 on Jan. 11. Grandparents are David and Sharon LaPlante of Charlotte Drive, and Walter and Elaine Kirby of North Andover. Great-grandmother is Jessie Dunn of Washington Park Drive. Great-grandparents are Walter and Joan Kirby of Milton. Abby enjoys running around with her two Newfies, Seamus and Clancy. She has an infectious smile, an adventurous nature, and a passion for music. She loves cruising around with her new baby doll and stroller.



Abby Marie Arpin

Abby Marie Arpin turned 1 on Jan. 4. She is the daughter of Terri Anne and Michael Arpin of Cheever Circle. Grandparents are Mary McGettrick of Andover, John and Carleen McGettrick of Bedford, Mass., and Audrey Arpin of Foster, R.I. Abby is a sweet and happy baby. She loves to run around the house being chased, especially by her brother Evan, and sister, Meghan, 3½-year-old twins. She loves playing peek-a-boo and rocking in her Little Tykes boat. Her newest passion is climbing on stools, chairs, tables and containers.



Mallory Elizabeth Mustera

Mallory Elizabeth Mustera turned 1 on Jan. 4. She is the daughter of Todd and Shelley Mustera of Orchard Park, N.Y. Grandparents are Ron and Peggy Mustera of Andover, and Don and Bonnie Wagner of East Aurora, N.Y. Mallory loves playing the piano with her sister Madeline, 2½. She enjoys playing with her dog Scarlett and taking walks. Mallory is always happy with smiles and kisses for everyone.



Paige Morgan Anastasi

Paige Morgan Anastasi was born Jan. 31, 2005 to John N. Anastasi and Lisa R. Witham of Boutwell Road. Grandparents are Yvonne and Fred Baker of Haverhill, Judy and Larry LaPlante of Newport, Maine, and Ronald and Marie Witham, also of Newport. Paige is doted on by her aunts, uncles, and cousins. Paige is learning to walk, loves playing with her brother, Tyler, and sister, Brooke, and trying to keep up with them, climbing stairs, and generally getting into everything.



Grace Elizabeth Jungmann

Grace Jungmann celebrates her first birthday on Jan. 25. Her parents are Beth Clough and Steve Jungmann of Andover. She is adored by her big sisters, Fiona and Claire. Her grandmother, Anne Clough, lives in Andover and is a frequent babysitter. Her grandparents, Bill and Mary Jungmann, live in Kentucky and have made the long drive to visit her twice in the past year. Grace is an active child who likes to smile at everyone when she goes out.



Sadie Grace Salafia

Sadie Grace Salafia turned the big 1 on Jan. 5, and just like the day she was born, the snow came down fast and furiously. Sadie is the daughter of Paul and Kelli Salafia of North Andover. Grandparents are Paul and Margaret Salafia of Andover, Bobbi and Dave Greer of California, and Charles and Jacqueline Sotnik of Narragansett, R.I. Sadie loves spending time with her family, grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. The more the merrier! Sadie also loves watching Baby Einstein videos and singing.

## FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center. Call the senior center at 978-623-8321 for further information about any classes, programs or services.

**Winter Reminder:** Residents in doubt about possible weather-related cancellations, can call the information line for a recorded message about the day's events at 978-623-8377. For all other questions, call the main number at 978-623-8321.

**Movie Matinee:** Our next movie matinee will take place on Monday, Feb. 6 at 1 p.m. when we will show the recent release, *The March of The Penguins*. Narrated by Academy Award winner Morgan Freeman, this amazing documentary chronicles the adventures of the emperor penguins and their remarkable journey to find a mate and protect their offspring against the icy Antarctic environment. Reservations are not necessary, just drop in and join us.

**Massage Therapy:** A licensed massage therapist is on-site at the center Monday mornings by appointment, offering seated, upper-body massages. Cost is just \$12 for a 20-minute appointment. Call the center if you would like to try out this great stress reliever.

**Cardio Circuit Training For Women:** Geared for most fitness levels, this workout is based on the use of 10 different machines. Cost is \$45 for unlimited use and no membership fee is required. This special offer is available only through the senior center, and complimentary passes are available at the center for anyone who would like to try out this opportunity.

**Fix-It Shop:** The fix-it volunteers will be back at the center again Monday, Feb. 13 at 1:30 p.m. They will be happy to take a look at any small item or appliance in need of repair. Your cost is \$2 plus any necessary parts.

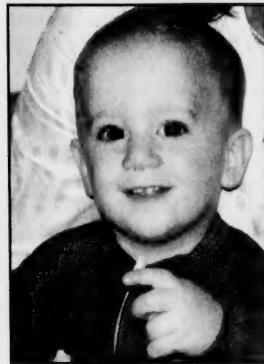
**Book Club:** Our afternoon book club will meet again Thursday, Feb. 9 at 1 p.m. *Prodigal Summer* by Barbara Kingsolver will be the topic of discussion. Copies of the book are available at the center for check-out. Newcomers are welcome to this group at any time.

**Men's Breakfast:** The next men's get-together will take place Friday, Feb. 17 at 8:30 a.m. "Wildlife In Suburbia" with naturalist David Brown will be the program for this month. In the last decade or so many so-called wilderness animals have quietly slipped back into their ancestral ranges in eastern New England, and are now living around us, largely undetected. This program will present tracks and signs of many of these animals such as coyote, fox fisher and bobcat, all of which are residents in Andover, as well as bear and moose which make occasional appearances. Cost is \$3 and reservations may be made by calling the center.



Cole Nathaniel Drouin

Cole Nathaniel Drouin turned 1 on Jan. 16. His parents are Pamela and Travis Drouin of Belle Haven Drive. He has a 3-year-old sister, Bianca. Grandparents are Nancy and Samuel Altschuler of Lexington, Ginger Drouin of Methuen, and Dennis Drouin of Nashua, N.H. Cole is a sweet, happy little boy who loves to chase and be chased by his big sister. He is a fanatic about balls and trucks. Cole was so eager to keep up with his big sister, he took his first steps a few days before his first birthday.



Maxwell Kiley Murray

Maxwell Kiley Murray celebrated his first birthday Jan. 19. He is the son of Gina and Steve Murray of Wescott Road. Grandparents are Sharon and (the late) Joseph Caico of Lynnfield, and Patricia and Hugh Murray of Winchester. Max loves to clap, throw balls and eat. But his favorite activity is to chase after his big brothers, Jack and Sam!



Quinne Reilly Dowe

Quinne Reilly Dowe turned 1 on Jan. 16. Her parents are Allison Reilly and Ian Dowe of 4 Miles Circle. Quinne's father is a former ABC and Andover High student. Quinne loves to play with her big brother, Maxwell, 10, and her sister, Samara, 7. They both go to West Elementary. Quinne's grandparents are Janet Brissett of Albany, N.Y., and June Reilly of Bedford, N.H. Quinne is best known for "her happy smile and all around joyous disposition," her parents say.

## BIRTHS

**LANG** - A daughter, Margaret Kelley Lang, born to Corbin and Nancy Lang of Phillips Academy on Jan. 19. Grandparents are Joe and Ruth Trepanier of Newbury, N.H., formerly of Andover, and Gary and Sue Lang of Yakima, Wash. Maggie joins brothers Brady Thomas, 5, and Connor Taffe, 3.

**RECK** - A daughter, Addison Sage Reck, born to Joanna and John Reck of Chestnut Street on Dec. 28 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Grandparents are Robert and Virginia Reck of Andover, and Virginia Perry of Tucson, Ariz., formerly of Andover. Addison joins Ella Gray Reck, 4.

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## OBITUARIES

## HARVEY C. LEWIS

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day, Jan. 30.

Members of his family include his wife of 43 years, Sylvia (Gorinkle) Lewis; children, David A. and Kelly Lewis of Melbourne, Fla., Paul M. Lewis of Brookline, and Karin C. Lewis of San Francisco, Calif.; three grandchildren; and a brother, Daniel and Barbara Lewis of Palm Springs, Calif.

Services will be held at the Levine Chapel, 470 Harvard St., Brookline, today, Thursday, Feb. 2, at 1 p.m. Burial will be in Temple Emeth Memorial Park, Baker Street, West Roxbury.

Memorial observance is through 7 p.m., today, Thursday, Feb. 2 at the home of Judy Zohn, and continuing tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. at his

late residence.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Boston Office, 330 Congress St., 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02210

## William V. McDonald

Retired from Raytheon

William V. McDonald, 88, of Andover, died Sunday, Jan. 29 at Lawrence General Hospital.

He was born in Boston, Oct. 14, 1917, and was the son of John and Frances (Chapman) McDonald.

He retired from Raytheon in Andover, and was an attendant of St. Augustine Church.

He was a member of the U.S.

Coast Guard, serving during World War II.

He was the widower of Catherine (Grady) McDonald, Ann (Shahinian) McDonald, and Claire (Marshall) McDonald.

Members of his family include two daughters, Frances T. McDonald of Pelham, N.H., and Catherine A. DeCola and her husband James of North Reading; daughter-in-law, Cecelia McDonald-Nuccio of Wakefield; and several grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son, Stephen A. McDonald of Wakefield; two sisters, Sister Mary Joachin McDonald O.P., and Margaret H. McDonald; and five brothers.

A funeral service will be held tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 3 at 9 a.m. at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover. Calling hours are today, Thursday, Feb. 2 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

## Janice Tracy

Was longtime resident

Janice (Bowman) Tracy, 62, of West Harwich and a former longtime resident of Andover, died Saturday, Jan. 28 at Cape Cod Hospital.

She was born in Lawrence on March 25, 1943. She graduated from Andover High School in 1961 and the University of Massachusetts - Lowell in 1965 where she earned a bachelor of science degree in education.

Mrs. Tracy was an elementary school teacher and worked to establish an "open concept" educational program at the Roaring Brook School in Avon, Conn., which was the sister school to Bancroft Elementary

School in Andover.

She lived in Andover for 60 years and, for the last 20 years, she summered in West Harwich and wintered in Sarasota, Fla.

She was a member of St. Augustine Parish, Andover Historical Society, Andover Football and Track Boosters, the Allen Harbor Yacht Club, Harwichport, and Palm-Aire Country Club, Sarasota, Fla.

Family members said she was an avid reader, card player, traveler, and also enjoyed spectator sports.

Members of her family include her husband, Douglas B. Tracy of West Harwich; daughters, Beth Perry of Merrimack, N.H. and Karen Gruber of Westford; sister-in-law, Eileen Bowman of Bel Aire, Md.; her mother, Priscilla H. Bowman of Andover; five grandchildren; one niece; and two nephews.

She was predeceased by her brother, Charles W. Bowman Jr., and her father, Charles W. Bowman Sr.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7 at Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 20 Walnut St., Suite 318, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481.



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# Education

## BOOK REVIEW

### Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to the Fantastical World Around You

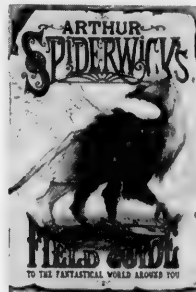
BY HOLLY BLACK

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Reviewed by John Chartier and James Caron

Did you ever conjure up magical, mythical animals to liven up everyday life? In this review, John and James suggest a book that offers a glimpse into another world.

EVERYONE CAN REMEMBER A TIME when he or she used to run around in the backyard, searching for magical creatures amidst the tall grass and the mysterious trees. Everyone has spent time daydreaming about what it would be like to discover another world lingering just around the corner, ready for a new set of eyes to discover it. *Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to the Fantastical World Around You* by Holly Black is an enchanting book that takes readers on a journey to discern the imaginary from the



shockingly "real."

*Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to the Fantastical World Around You* is the companion to *The Spiderwick Chronicles*, a series that chronicles the lives of Mallory, Jared, and Simon Grace, three siblings who have just moved into a relative's old manor. Something seems different right from the start, and they soon discover that their Uncle Arthur's life's work is somewhat different itself. They soon discover his *Field Guide* to the world, and embark on journeys that will take them to places that they didn't even know existed, but were right under their noses the entire time.

You can now discover your very own copy of *Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to the Fantastical World Around You* at your local bookstore - and what a field guide it is. The artwork in this book is as noteworthy as the writing, and the way this volume is set-up as a field guide is extremely creative. The illustrations of Tony DiTerlizzi are breathtaking, the detail of which will surely hold the reader's attention for hours.

This book will appeal mainly to those who have read the Spiderwick series, as those readers will undoubtedly take more away from this book than someone who just picked it up. However, that is not to say this is not a good, quick read on its own.

We recommend this book for readers ages 8 and older, but the whole family would certainly enjoy reading this as a group. Fantasy lovers especially will find it a mystifying romp through Black's world.

Holly Black's writing style is unique and refreshing. We enjoyed reading about everything from Black Phookas to Pacific Sea-Maids, as well as those creatures' elusive qualities.

We give *Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide* an 8 out of 10 rating. It is a fun, magical experience that readers everywhere will be certain to enjoy.

So explore your way down to your local bookstore or library today, and pick-up your very own copy of *Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to the Fantastical World Around You* by Holly Black.

Watch out for the River Trolls!

## LOCAL SCHOLARS

St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers recently announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the first quarter of the 2005-06 school year. Students who qualified for the headmaster's list earned grades of A- or above in all courses; students who qualified for the principal's list earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students who qualified for the honor roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

Andover students named to the headmaster's list for the first quarter include: **James Bradley**, '09; **Robert H. Bradley**, '06; and **Christopher Newcome**, '09.

Andover students named to the principal's list for the first quarter include: **Christopher Brock-Fisher**, '09; **Evan Cooke**, '06; **Samuel Rauseo**, '07; and **Dante Smith**, '08.

Andover students named to the honor roll for the first quarter include: **Peter Casey**, '08; **Colin Champagne**, '09; **Michael Chan**, '09; **Stephen Chan**, '07; **Matthew Dowgiallo**, '09; **Christopher Gibson**, '06; **Christopher McDonough**, '08; **James Miller**, '09; **Corey Richard**, '07; **Richard Sawyer**, '06; **Christopher Sullivan**, '09; and **John Tassinari**, '09.



Michaela Zukowski (left) of Andover and Maria Mejia of Lawrence read a poem they wrote as part of Wood Hill Middle's continuing effort to establish relationships with other schools, the students of sixth-grade English teacher Chip Gregory hosted a poetry slam, inviting Jocelyn Durkin's sixth grade class from Wetherbee Middle School in Lawrence to join them.

## Rubbing cultures sparks poetry

Lawrence sixth-graders join Wood Hill students, making 'two-voice poetry'

By Brian Davidson

THEY WEREN'T SPEAKING in a dimly lit, smoke-filled coffee shop. They didn't mention love, or stories of heartbreak, or speak out against the social injustices of our time.

This is not to say that Wood Hill Middle School students weren't reading poetry at the school on Thursday; they certainly were.

It was just poetry, well, about pizza.

As part of Wood Hill Middle's continuing effort to establish relationships with other schools, the students of sixth-grade English teacher Chip Gregory hosted a poetry slam, inviting Jocelyn Durkin's sixth-grade class from Wetherbee Middle School in Lawrence to join them.

"We're always trying to put the kids together," said Gregory. "And what better way than this."

Thanks in large part to Andover Youth Services' Bill Fahey and Glenn Wilson, the 20 Wetherbee students were brought by van to Wood Hill, where each of them partnered with an Andover student for a morning of "two-voice poetry." Each pair was to discover a shared interest or dislike and together construct a poem based on the agreed upon subject.

Luckily for Gregory and Durkin, the ratio of boys and girls from each school was equal.

"I think God was smiling down on us," Gregory joked.

Although there were recurring themes that ran through many of the performances - shopping, pizza, pets, sports and homework

- the verses were well thought out and original. In their poem entitled "Cafeteria Food," for example, Wood Hill's Mary Katherine Davel and Wetherbee's Shannel DeJesus aptly employed a simile to convey their disgust to readers: "Our hot dogs are like rubber/ they bounce." Whitman himself couldn't have put it better.

The day was not just about poetry though. "Two-voice poetry" was just as much an exercise in developing relationships as it was in cultivating creativity. It gave students a chance to realize that despite the town line between them, despite the school uniforms that the Wetherbee students wear, the students at both schools share many things in common. Two students having particular difficulty finding a subject to write about

finally had a breakthrough when one of them asked the other, "You like *The Three Stooges*?"

When the ode to Curly and the rest of the performances were finished, the sixth-graders ate lunch together before parting ways. There are plans for another poetry slam to take place later in the school year, this time in Lawrence.

"Being exposed to a whole new school and the culture that it brings is important for these kids," said Gregory.

If nothing else, the stage has been set for an opposing Lawrence basketball player to one day walk to center court at a fan-packed Andover High Dunn Gym for the start of another typical battle, and, before the opening tip, ask his opponent, "Hey, didn't we write a poem about pizza?"

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

### Celebrating faith, values and academics

By Laura Selima Murphy  
St. Augustine School teacher

St. Augustine School kicked off its annual Catholic Schools Week celebration with a family pancake breakfast on Sunday, hosted by the school's faculty. Students continue to celebrate the week - at Catholic schools across the country - with special events through Friday.

This year's theme for Catholic schools nationwide is: Character. Compassion. Values.

St. Augustine supporters believe that when church teachings, faith and values are integrated daily into students' education, it positively affects both the student and the community.

"The students are always being asked and reminded to act as Jesus would want them to. They are constantly assessing themselves and their actions to strive to be better people," said fourth-grade teacher Beth Slater. Added sixth-grade teacher Paula O'Dea, who has been teaching at Catholic schools for some 25 years: "Catholic schools help give our students the support of a strong Catholic identity that helps foster respect for all individuals."

St. Augustine students paired up with those in different grades for various activities on Monday. Tuesday featured an integrated arts spectacular titled "Reaching Beyond Our Borders." Students are spending the



St. Augustine School observed Catholic Schools Week on Monday, Jan. 30 as Jake Robinson (left), 9, and Darren Ty, 8, make flags during an arts program called "Reaching Beyond Our Borders."

remainder of the week making thank-you cards for US troops, discussing vocations, and honoring school and parent volunteers. Tomorrow, Friday, Teacher Appreciation Day will be celebrated.

Third-grade teacher Megan Campbell summed up the Catholic School experience this way: "I think students leave Catholic schools with many

valuable lessons. They recognize the importance of faith and that is in all we do and all we become. They also realize the importance of giving back to others."

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## SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Feb. 6-10:

## Elementary schools

**Monday:** Shepherd's pie, meatball sub with oven-baked fries, pancakes with ham sticks, chicken teriyaki wrap, lucky tray, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Tuesday:** Cheeseburger with oven-baked fries, baked nuggets with baked fries, pizza stick with soft pretzel, yogurt, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Wednesday:** Chicken fajita with rice, nachos with salsa, spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread, bagels and string, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Thursday:** Pizza ring, french toast sticks with sausages and syrup, baked nuggets with mashed potatoes and cranberry sauce, d'animals day, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Friday:** Rib-b-ques with corn and potatoes, hot dog with oven-baked fries, slice of pizza, boxed breakfast, fruit, veggie, milk and vanilla pudding with whipped cream.

## Doherty Middle School

**Monday:** Spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread, two tacos with salsa, rice and cheese, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and

milk.

**Tuesday:** Toasted cheese sandwich with soup, chicken McSchool, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Wednesday:** BBQ chicken with mashed potatoes and corn, cheeseburger with fries, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie, milk and brownie.

**Thursday:** Two chicken fajitas with salsa and rice, french toast and sausages, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Friday:** Egg, cheese and ham on toasted bagel with tater tots, chicken parm sub with fries, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

## West Middle School

**Monday:** Salisbury steak with potatoes and green beans, chocolate chip pancakes with sausages, stuffed crust pizza, two hot dogs with SmartFood popcorn, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Tuesday:** BBQ sloppy Joe pizza, chicken McSchool, stuffed crust pizza, toasted cheese sandwich with soup, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Wednesday:** BBQ chicken with mashed potatoes and corn, cheeseburger with baked Doritos, stuffed crust pizza, two breakfast sandwiches, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Thursday:** Rib-b-ques with potatoes and corn, french toast and sausages, stuffed crust pizza, American chop suey with garlic

bread, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Friday:** Raviolis with garlic bread, meatball sub with fries, chicken fajita, stuffed crust pizza, chocolate chip cookie, fruit, veggie and milk.

## Wood Hill Middle School

**Monday:** Chicken fajita with rice, toasted cheese sandwich with soup, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Tuesday:** Hot dog with fries, chicken McSchool, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Wednesday:** BBQ chicken with mashed potatoes and corn, cheeseburger with baked Doritos, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Thursday:** Rib-b-ques with potatoes and corn, chocolate chip pancakes with sausages, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Friday:** Raviolis with garlic bread, Italian sub with chips, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie, milk and chocolate chip cookie.

## Andover High School

**Monday:** Sloppy Joes on a bun, stuffed crust pizza, baked mac and cheese, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Tuesday:** Roast pork with potatoes and carrots, stuffed crust pizza, spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Wednesday:** Chicken McSchool, stuffed crust pizza, chicken parm sandwich, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Thursday:** Baked meatloaf with potatoes and green beans, stuffed crust pizza, chicken broccoli and rotini, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Friday:** Hot dog with fries, stuffed crust pizza, meatball sub, fruit, veggie and milk.

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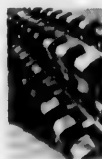
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# Sports

## AHS ROUNDUP

# Merrily they roll along

## Winter teams contend for, clinch league championships

By Rick Harrison

The Andover High girls and boys basketball teams just keep rolling along, sporting a combined record of 27-2 with the girls at 14-0 and boys at 13-2 as the *Townsmen* went to press.

Both still have key league showdowns ahead – but are honing in on Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 championships provided they continue to play at their current high level.

Boys track and girls hockey have already clinched a league crown and title tie respectively, while the undefeated boys swim and dive team joins the boys hockey crew and girls alpine ski squad as those tied for first place and also in prime contention for league championships.

Girls ski, however, saw its 44-meet win streak snapped earlier this week after No. 1 racer Michelle Guy went down with an injury while training up north.

The girls gymnastics team has also persevered through a season riddled with a series of tough injuries to high-caliber athletes Katie Infantine and Christina Muccio.

All 11 AHS varsity teams, sporting a combined 84-15-3 won-lost-tied record at presstime, are headed down the home stretch of the regular season which draws to a close between now and Feb. 22.

## GIRLS GYMNASTICS

The Andover High girls gymnastics team will wrap up the regular season with its three most important meets.

With losses to high-scoring Chelmsford and Dracut knocking them out of the Merrimack Valley Conference title picture, the injury-riddled Lady Warriors must focus on posting the highest scores possible in dual meets against Central Catholic and Tewksbury as well as the upcoming MVC Championship Meet.

The better the score the better the AHS chances of qualifying for the North Sectional Meet for the 17th time in the last 19 years.

"Winning the league again would have been awesome. But now our main goal is to try and finish with big scores against Central and Tewksbury," confirmed co-head coach Julie Chapman.

The 10 area teams with the highest average dual-meet scores will compete in next month's North Sectional Tournament.

"There are a lot of really good scores out there this year," admitted Chapman. "This is the first time since my first year (1988) that I'm apprehensive about making it."

"Because won-lost record and league championships no longer figure in the selection – it's possible we could lose only two dual meets and still not make Sectionals."

Over the years Andover, unlike many other highly-touted teams, has produced clutch performances at the Sectional Meet.

"We always seem to do well there – while almost every year a few good teams go into that meet and fall apart. We've never done that," said Chapman.

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Chomping at the bit, the anxious Lady Warriors finally returned to action last night, after *Townsmen* presstime, when they hosted reigning MVC dual-meet champ Central Catholic at the Dunn Gym.

It had been eight seemingly-endless days since the 145.10 to 135.50 loss to powerhouse Chelmsford and its three Level 10 gymnasts.

That setback dropped Andover to 7-2 overall and 3-2 in MVC meets.

AHS teams are now 61-3 in their last 64 dual meets since 1999 and 124-8 in the last 132.

"Our girls did a very good job against Chelmsford," said Chapman. "We knew going in it would be an extreme situation – because they have three Level 10's and we were competing at their place (Absolute Gymnastics Club)."

"We started out on bars and took a hit there because their equipment is outdated. We rebounded to score well on vault – and were doing good on floor before Katie (Infantine) got hurt."

Andover all-around standout Infantine went down with an ankle injury – her second mishap of the season – and when she left the gym on her way to Children's Hospital for x-rays any chance of upsetting Chelmsford went out the door with her.

"After the injury we kept going and four of our five girls on beam stuck their routines," said Chapman.

"Going into the Chelmsford meet we were pumped because we were doing so well – back-to-back 139 scores without Christina (second all-around Muccio, ankle injury)."

"We scored the 139s without doing very well on beam, and knew higher scores (over 140) were possible if we stayed healthy," offered Chapman.

## Injury report

Infantine injured herself in the Chelmsford meet doing exactly the same floor exercise straddle jump Muccio was attempting when she got hurt versus Acton-Boxboro two weeks earlier (Jan. 9).

"I heard a crack and Katie fell down in a heap," said Chapman. "The ankle swelled immediately and she was in a lot of pain. The trainer packed it in ice and she went to Children's Hospital right away."

At presstime it still wasn't known for sure if either Infantine or Muccio would compete last night against Central.

"She (Infantine) could miss the rest of the season," said Chapman, "which would include the Senior Invitational, MVC Meet and Sectionals."

Infantine is also eligible for selection to the team that would represent Massachusetts at the Nationals.

"The worst part is – as a senior – this is Katie's last year with us," said Chapman. "We all want it to end on an upbeat note."

Muccio, having missed the Dracut, Westford, Methuen and Chelmsford meets with a severe ankle sprain, got the OK to practice more than a week ago.

"The doctor said she could swing on the bars – and possibly compete soon," said Chapman. "But we also want her to rest and get healthy for the MVC Meet and the North Sectionals should we qualify."

"In all my years before this we hardly had any injuries – and now our two best gymnasts go down just days apart," said Chapman.

## Schedule

The dual-meet finale is next Monday at home versus Tewksbury (7 p.m.).

The MVC junior varsity meet, a team competition only, is set for today (Thursday) at Dracut.

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The statewide Coaches Invitational Meet, also set up for second-tier gymnasts to get some valuable experience, is next Wednesday at Dracut. The top 10 finishers in each event at this meet will receive a medal.

The Lady Warriors' annual Blue/Gold intra-squad showdown is also coming up soon – although no definite date has been set.

## Team Massachusetts

Infantine still has an outside chance of being selected for Team Massachusetts depending on her injury status.

The Bay State team will compete in the National High School Senior Championships in May.

Seven senior girls from around the state, including two all-arounders and five event specialists, will be chosen after the Sectional and State Meets have been completed.

## Chelmsford 145.10

## Andover 135.50

Chelmsford, 7-0 and 4-0 atop the MVC, has those three Level 10 (elite) gymnasts which makes beating the Lions a near-impossible task for any opponent.

"We went into this meet as the underdog – which is very rare for us," said coach Chapman.

Andover's top finish came from Becky Robichaud with a second place on balance beam (9.1).

Before her injury, Infantine was fourth on bars (9.05) and Kristen Coney fourth in vault (8.8).

Other AHS competitors on bars were Carly Verette (7.9), Sarah Coney (7.9), Kristen Coney (7.8) and Renee Coiro (7.7).

On beam Lauren Colby scored 8.45, Coiro 8.35, Leah Psionos 8.0 and Donna Lamontagne 7.3.

Verette posted an 8.6 in vault, Infantine 8.5, Sarah Coney 8.3, Robichaud 8.1 and Steph Theroux 8.0.

In floor it was Kristen Coney 8.8, Psionos 8.7, Verette 8.6, Robichaud 8.55 and Coiro 8.5.

Ali Carr won two events for Chelmsford with an amazing 9.6 on bars and 9.35 in floor.

Robin Underwood took the all-around crown with a 37.30 that included a winning 9.2 in vault, first-place 9.45 on beam, 9.3 on bars and 9.3 in floor.

Christy Diminico, the Lions' third Level 10, scored 36.40 all-around with a 9.25 on bars, 9.2 in vault, 9.2 in floor and 8.75 on beam.

Coach Chapman wasn't happy about facing Chelmsford at a private club (Absolute Gymnastics in Tyngsboro) instead of the Chelmsford High gym.

"I wish the meet had been at home. Our (non-spring) floor would definitely have thrown them off and worked to our advantage."

## Andover 139.60

## Methuen 136.15

"Our goal this meet was to score 140 and we fell just shy," said coach Chapman. "The previous meet (Westford Academy) we said 137 and we scored 139 – so we felt 140 was realistic."

"We'd have done it if our beam performances weren't off again. If we want to score high and make it to Sectionals we

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Bobby Hughes looks to pass around the Haverhill defense in boys basketball action. Andover won, 73-55.



Maggie Cosgrove drives to the hoop against Central Catholic.

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## AHS ROUNDUP

## GIRLS GYMNASTICS

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have to get it together in that event."

Pre-ankle injury Katie Infantine, fully recovered from a wrenched back and neck suffered 10 days earlier, put together her second consecutive monster meet highlighted by a first-place, personal-best (by 1/10th point) 36.30 all-around score.

She was first on balance beam with a 9.3, first in floor exercise with a 9.3, first on the uneven bars with a 9.1 and fourth in vault with an 8.6.

Kristen Coneeny tied for first in vault (9.0), took fourth in floor (9.0) and scored 8.05 on bars.

Becky Robichaud registered a 9.1 on beam for second place, and she also chalked up an 8.7 in floor and 8.5 in vault.

Carly Verette was third in floor (9.1), third in vault (8.9) and she scored 7.3 on bars.

Capt. Sarah Coneeny placed fourth on bars (8.6) and posted an 8.55 in vault and 8.2 in floor.

Renee Coiro contributed an 8.6 in floor, 7.9 on bars and 7.5 on beam.

Freshman Leah Psinos had an 8.2 on bars and 8.0 on beam, while competing in one event each were Lauren Colby (balance beam, 8.1), Capt. Donna Lamontagne (beam, 7.8) and Steph Theroux (vault, 7.6).

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

The undefeated Andover High girls varsity hoop squad, having already qualified for the MIAA Division 1 North Tournament for the 24th time in the last 27 years, continued to show amazing consistency as it handled powerful Central Catholic impressively with a solid 56-43 victory at the Dunn Gym.

Coupled with a 66-20 blasting of Methuen and a methodical 61-43 win over host Haverhill Tuesday night, the Lady Warriors boosted their overall record to 14-0 and the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 mark to 10-0 as they continue to stave off the challenge of primary contenders Lowell and Central.

"Our intensity is incredible," said head coach Jim Tildsley. "These kids are in fantastic shape. We just keep running nine and 10 girls out on the floor without a letdown. We don't give opponents a chance to breathe.

"If you watched our practices you'd see that even there we're so competitive. No one lets up. The second unit pushes the first every day. That's a major reason we stay so sharp.

"Maggie Cosgrove and Meghan Thomann are playing as well as any two girls around – and it's been awhile since we've lost at home."

Twenty-seven games to be exact.

The Lady Warriors have won 27 in a row at the Dunn Gym (including North Tournaments), going 6-0 this season and 11-0 last winter. They also won 10 straight in 2003-2004 after a 59-56 overtime loss to Peabody on Dec. 23, 2003.

"We're extremely happy with the way we're playing right now," said Tildsley. "Naturally our goal is to win the title – and we can take a giant step by beating Lowell (this Sunday). But they're going to be tough."

## Schedule

The Monster Game looms on Super Bowl Sunday afternoon when Lowell (11-2, 9-1 MVC) invades the Dunn for a 1:30 p.m. showdown.

Andover handed the Red Raiders their only MVC loss, 54-44, on Jan. 6.

Lowell is coming off a scary-impressive 70-49 romp over Central Catholic on Tuesday night, led by four-year starter Courtney Schermerhorn who recently scored her 1,000th career point.

Next Tuesday AHS plays at Chelmsford and the sixth Thursday game of the season is scheduled next week against Billerica at the Dunn Gym (both 7:30 p.m.).

## Scoring leaders

Meghan Thomann tops the point parade through 14 games with 197 for a 14.1 average. She also has a team-high 45 three-pointers.

Casey Cosgrove is close behind with 182 points, while Laura Renfro has 98, Lauren Hughes 85, Jen Merinder 58, Amanda Fantini 53 and Camille Fantini 49.

Cosgrove now has 519 career points and Thomann 435.

Andover 56  
Central Catholic 43

Maggie Cosgrove and Meghan Thomann scored 15 points each and Laura Renfro added 12 as the Lady Warriors calmly picked apart the Raiders with surgical precision.

After playing just three games in 19 days a little rust could have been forgiven – but the locals instead were clicking on all cylinders as usual.

"I know one of Central's biggest goals this season was to beat us at our gym," said Tildsley. "But we weren't going to let that happen. We went at them for the full 32 minutes."

Andover took the lead for good in the early going, maintained at 22-13 advantage at the half and never trailed after the break.

"To hold that team to 13 points in the first half was a huge accomplishment," said Tildsley. "It was the usual full-court man-to-man defensive pressure."

Cosgrove scored eight points in the opening half and Jen Merinder had a key three-point play late in the period.

The lead swelled to 14 points, 36-22, with nine minutes left and the closest CCHS came after that was 43-37 with 3:47 to play after an Andrea Lozeau layup.

"We called a timeout and came back with a Meghan Thomann three-pointer off a Maggie Cosgrove pass. The execution was perfect," said Tildsley. "Every time they made a run at us we stuck a three."

Renfro nailed three huge treys early in the second half to help build the lead.

For the night, the Lady Warriors hit 10-of-18 three-pointers (56 percent) while Central did not have a trifecta in the game.

A sharp 12-for-17 performance at the free throw line was also pivotal.

"We did a terrific defensive job on two of their big scorers," said Tildsley. "Maggie (Cosgrove) and Meghan (Thomann) held Lozeau to seven points – only two in the first half – and Jen (Merinder) and Lauren (Hughes) did the job on (Shelley) Szymt who finished with only eight points. We shut them both right down."

Cosgrove added six assists and three steals to her 15 points. Thomann had five rebounds, two assists and a steal in addition to 15 points.

Renfro contributed four assists and three steals, while other key efforts came from Hughes (four points, 11 boards, one assist), Merinder (four points), Emily Pallotta (three points, three steals, two assists), Kelly O'Dea (two points, five rebounds) and Camille Fantini (1 free throw).

Mary Moccia and Melissa Lucas led Central, which had only four players score, with 16 and 12 points respectively.

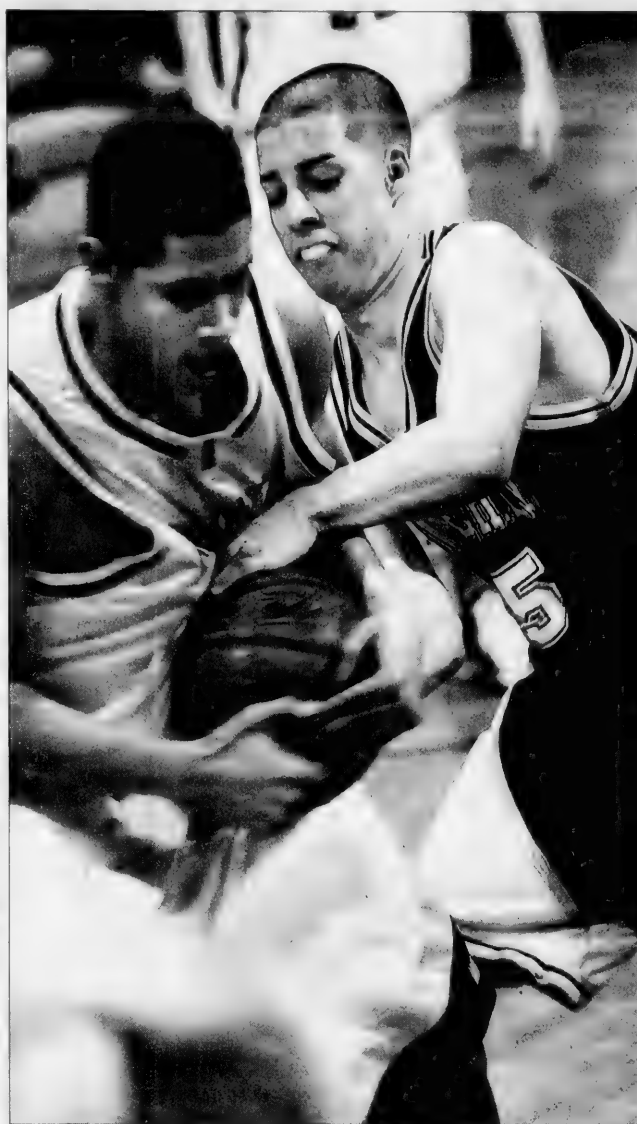
"They're going to be very tough when we play them again over there," said Tildsley.

That showdown could mean all or nothing – coming in the final MVC regular season game on Monday night, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Andover 66  
Methuen 20

The once-mighty Rangers were no match for Andover, as 13 Lady Warriors saw action and 12 scored just 24 hours after the Central game.

The starters played only nine minutes and AHS rolled out to a prohibitive 39-7 halftime lead.



Sophomore forward Chris Abreu (left) of Andover battles Stephen Wholley (No. 15) of Haverhill for the ball. Andover cruised to a 73-55 win over the Hillies.

For the night, Emily Pallotta led the point parade with 12 and Laura Renfro also hit double figures with 11.

Jen Merinder added eight points, eight rebounds and three steals, while Kasey O'Dea netted seven points and Meghan Thomann pocketed six.

Both Sarah Kelleher and Amanda Fantini had four points and six rebounds, while Fantini also produced three steals.

Camille Fantini and Casey Cosgrove nailed a three-pointer each, Cosgrove passed out five assists and Fantini added six assists, five rebounds and three steals.

Lauren Hughes tossed in four points, Sarah LoMedico and Ilana Cohen notched a field goal each and Kelly O'Dea contributed three assists, three steals.

"It was the best game of the season for the Fantinis and Kelleher, while Pallotta and Merinder also played very well," said Tildsley.

Methuen's leading scorer managed just five points.

Andover 61  
Haverhill 43

Meghan Thomann had another outrageous long-range shooting performance, nailing 7-of-11 from behind the arc for 21 points, as the Lady Warriors completed a season series sweep of the Hillies.

AHS also defeated Haverhill 68-34 Dec. 22 at the Dunn.

"Haverhill is always scrappy and they play us tough in their building," said Tildsley. "They out-rebounded us, 32-20, but we only committed six turnovers and the way we protected the ball was a key factor."

"They went to a zone for much of the

game – which is why we shot (and made) so many threes."

Laura Renfro also had a big game, burying 5-of-10 treys on the way to a season-high 19-point night.

Andover led by 10 at the half, 34-24, and early in the second half went on a run fueled by Thomann, Hughes and Maggie Thomann trifectas that built an eight point lead to 25.

Cosgrove also finished in double digits with 12 points, while Emily Pallotta netted three free throws, Lauren Hughes two foul shots and solo field goals were contributed by Jen Merinder and Kelly O'Dea.

Thomann added five rebounds, four steals and two assists, while Renfro had five assists and two steals, Cosgrove seven assists, two steals and Pallotta five boards, five steals.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

The Andover High boys varsity basketball team, facing what could be the toughest schedule in the state over the final three weeks of the regular season, continued its winning ways with a 73-55 Merrimack Valley Conference triumph over Haverhill and a 71-62 non-league breeze past J.D. O'Bryant of Boston in a pair of home games at the Dunn Gym.

On second thought, when you're as scrappy and talented as the Golden Warriors maybe that schedule isn't all that daunting.

Those results strengthened the locals' hold on first place in Division 1 of the Merrimack Valley Conference, boosting the record to 9-0 in league play and 13-2 overall.

## Rugged schedule

The (nine consecutive powerhouse opponents) brutal homestretch continues tomorrow night (Friday) when the Golden Warriors travel to Central Catholic with hopes of completing a regular season sweep of the Raiders who were stunned by AHS, 48-43, on Jan. 6.

The MVC schedule wraps up against unpredictable Lowell (8-5, 4-4 MVC 1) at home (Feb. 7) and road games at Haverhill (Sunday, Feb. 12) and at Lawrence (Feb. 14).

The final North Sectional tourney tuneup is definitely a doozy, as head coach Dave Fazio's crew mixes it up with Charlestown, reigning state champ Newton North and B.C. High in the televised Comcast Tournament the weekend of Feb. 18-19.

Andover's last nine games rank with any other school's as the toughest closing run in the state.

## Scoring leaders

After 15 games, Casey Cosgrove leads AHS with 254 points (16.9 average). Greg Vetrano has 245, Bobby Hughes 158, Tristan Shannon 101 and Ian Dempsey 87.

Vetrano, swiftly closing in on the coveted 1,000-point milestone, now has 920 career points and Cosgrove 684.

Andover 73  
Haverhill 55

Greg Vetrano, Bobby Hughes and Casey Cosgrove combined for 50 points to power the Golden Warriors to the convincing triumph at the Dunn Gym.

Vetrano tossed in a game-high 20 points, passed out nine assists and tore down five rebounds.

Hughes had an impressive double-double with 16 points and 13 rebounds, while Cosgrove contributed 14 points, five assists, five boards and three steals.

Tristan Shannon tossed in seven points, sophomore forward Chris Abreu added five and Peter White converted four free throws.

Brothers Max and Sam Ball each nailed a three-pointer and Ian Dempsey swished a foul shot.

Andover led 36-27 at the half and slowly widened the spread over the final 16 minutes.

The locals paraded to the charity stripe for 33 shots and hit 21.

Andover 71  
O'Bryant 62

The suburbans showed they can hang with the city boys as well, building a nine-point halftime lead (39-30) and winning the game by the same margin as the rivals netted 32 points apiece in the final 16 minutes.

Displaying the kind of balance that wins championships, AHS placed four players in double figures including usual suspects Casey Cosgrove with 18, Greg Vetrano 15, and Bobby Hughes 14.

Ever-improving Chris Abreu pumped through a season-high 12 points, while Tristan Shannon contributed seven and Ian Dempsey five.

O'Bryant was able to hang around by outscoring the locals 22-14 from the free throw line.

Cosgrove was also credited with a dozen assists and seven steals, as the scholarship standout turned in another virtuoso performance at both ends of the floor.

## GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

The Division 2 Andover High girls ice hockey team came within three minutes of knocking off undefeated Division 1 power Needham, before the Rockets scored a pair of late goals to salvage a 2-2 tie with the visiting Lady Warriors in non-league play at the St. Sebastian's prep school rink.

The impressive deadlock, coming on the heels of a tough-to-swallow 5-4 loss to Boston Latin when the Wolfpack scored

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## AHS ROUNDUP

## ■ GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

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four third-period goals, left the overall AHS record at 10-3-2 including 7-1-1 as co-leader of the Metro North League.

Andover has just one Metro North game left, Feb. 15 at Algonquin Regional in Northboro, and can clinch at least a share of the championship by beating the Tomahawks.

The teams met earlier this year with AHS crushing Algonquin, 9-0, on Dec. 28.

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Coach Bill McCarthy's crew is roaring down the homestretch hoping to pile up as many wins as possible for MIAA State Tournament seeding purposes.

AHS was a semifinalist in the state tourney the past two years, dropping close decisions to Wellesley and St. Mary's High of Lynn.

The only team that can share the MNL championship is Arlington, which also has one loss and tie but still has a game left with powerful Billerica (12-2) on the final day of the regular season, Feb. 22.

Arlington's only league loss was to Billerica, while Arlington handed Andover its lone league setback (4-3) and AHS beat Billerica twice (4-1 and 3-2).

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The Andover girls have outscored the opposition by a wide 62-22 margin over the first 15 games, recording four shutouts (Waltham twice, Algonquin Regional, Everett) and holding six other teams to one goal each.

## Schedule

Andover hosted Marblehead last night (Wednesday), after *Townsmen* presstime, at Phillips Academy's Harrison Rink.

The next game is Saturday at Masconomet Regional in Topsfield (7 p.m.), followed by the last regular season home game next Wednesday night at PA versus Wilmington (7:30).

Five of the final seven AHS regular season games are away from home.

## Scoring leaders

Maria Nasta led the scoring parade with 26 goals and eight assists for 34 points through 15 games.

Becky Cairns, who joined Nasta in the career 100-point club earlier this season, had 13 goals and 12 assists.

## Andover 2

## Needham 2

Becky Cairns snapped the scoreless tie with 25 seconds left in the second period (14:35), assist to Maria Nasta, and Nasta's unassisted goal had AHS sitting pretty with a 2-0 lead and five minutes remaining.

"Although she didn't get credit for an assist, Alison Burns made this play by digging down low and getting the puck away from the net and out to the blue line," said coach McCarthy.

Nasta then stole the disc and went the distance before tucking it into the Needham goal.

But the Rockets, 12-0-2 after this game and ranked No. 2 in Division 1, scored a pair of goals 40 seconds apart at 12:03 and 12:43 of the final stanza to forge the tie.

"It was a lot like the previous game when Latin scored four goals in the third period – two in the last minute – to beat us," said coach McCarthy. "This time we managed to hold on for the tie."

"Our girls are getting worn down late in games because we're skating just two lines and two or three defensemen against the better teams."

Andover finished with a 29-20 shooting edge as goaltender Christina Cahill made 18 saves.

"Burns played a spectacular game," said McCarthy. "She single-handedly set up our second goal and she was all over the ice like a player possessed. She figured in almost every positive play in the defensive zone, offensive zone and neutral zone."

"Alison was aggressive, playing the body, and she saved three goals herself with terrific plays in close to our net," added McCarthy.

## EARLIER GAMES

## Andover 8

## Waltham 0

In a pleasant instance of déjà vu, AHS defeated league foe Waltham for the second time this season by an identical 6-0 score.

Becky Cairns and Maria Nasta provided two goals each to lead the way at Phillips Academy's Harrison Rink, as the locals duplicated their 6-0 triumph over the Lady Hawks recorded Dec. 21 at Veterans Rink in Waltham.

The convincing victory qualified AHS for the MIAA Division 2 State Tournament.

In this carbon-copy win, Andover jumped to a 4-0 first-period lead before notching solo goals in the second and third stanzas.

Cairns got things started by scoring the first two goals exactly two minutes apart at 6:51 and 8:51.

Before the opening period ended freshman forward Katie Shields and Nasta (unassisted with 51 seconds left) also connected to double the lead to 4-0.

Senior Sam Weinberg chipped in with a goal at 5:58 of the middle period, and Nasta capped the attack at 2:58 of the third.

Alison Burns passed out two assists and solo setups went to Becky Johnson, Ally Brown, Heather Paonessa and Shields.

"This was a complete team effort," noted coach McCarthy. "It was perfect in terms of getting in gear for the Latin and Needham games."

Andover, which had the only two penalties in the clean game, out-shot Waltham, 25-12, and had a combined shutout from Megan Petroturo (two periods) and Rachel Bergan.

## Boston Latin 5

## Andover 4

Maria Nasta scored her fifth hat trick of the season, but her three goals and one by Becky Johnson went unrewarded as Latin produced a decisive four-goal outburst in the third period.

Becky Cairns had two assists while Alison Burns, Trish Martin and Danielle Paonessa added one each for AHS.

"We outplayed them for two periods," said coach McCarthy. "But we didn't execute in the third. Five players were doing most of the work and they got burnt out."

"We need others to step up and support those five. We're in a bit of a pickle now in regards to depth – and we need to tighten up defensively."

"Latin hit us between the eyes early in the third period, and then scored the tying and winning goals seven seconds apart in the final minute of the game."

## BOYS ICE HOCKEY

The Andover High boys varsity ice hockey team has paid the price for several sluggish starts in recent outings.

Following back-to-back tough losses to non-league Gloucester (2-1) and Merrimack Valley/Dual County League Division 2 archrival Tewksbury (4-2), the locals bounced back smartly with a comeback from behind 4-2 victory over Division 1 Central at the Valley Forum in Lawrence.

But, just when it seemed the ship had been righted, the Golden Warriors dug themselves a three-goal hole without enough time to recover as they dropped a costly 4-3 decision to MV/DCL 2 foe Boston Latin at the Forum.

Those results left head coach Mario Martiniello's crew at 9-3-1 overall, and 4-2 in the league as it battles Tewksbury and Haverhill for the division championship.

Entering last night's league crossover with Division 3 power Lowell, played after *Townsmen* presstime, Andover was still one point shy of qualifying for the MIAA Division 2 North Tournament.

With two Division 1 opponents (Duxbury, Chelmsford) and no soft touches left on the schedule, life should be interesting for the Golden Warriors over the next three weeks and seven remaining regular season games (five straight on the road).

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• Andover has one shutout and has held six of its first 13 opponents to one goal and four others to two while maintaining a wide 59-22 overall scoring edge on the opposition.

• Six of the first eight wins came by margins of five goals or more.

## Schedule

Last night's opponent, Lowell, entered with a 12-1 overall record and an 11-game win streak.

"Andover scares the heck out of me," said Lowell head coach Bill Donahue prior to the game. "They're the fastest team I've seen – and to me they're one of the top 10 teams around regardless of division."

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AHS now plays five in a row on enemy ice, beginning Saturday afternoon against Lincoln-Sudbury at Valley Sports Arena in West Concord (3:30 p.m.) and next Wednesday versus Haverhill at Veterans Memorial Rink in Haverhill (7 p.m.).

## Scoring leaders

After 13 games senior first-line center and Capt. Matt Colby, who is looking at several prep schools (Cushing Academy, Canterbury) or Junior hockey as possibilities next year, led the AHS point parade with 12 goals and 16 assists for 28 points.

A.J. Drivas had 11 goals and 14 assists, followed by Tucker Mullin with eight goals, 11 assists, John Hyslip six goals, eight assists and Joe Benedix three goals, eight assists.

## Andover 4

## Central Catholic 2

The Golden Warriors snapped a two-game losing streak by coming from behind to defeat Division 1 Central at the Valley Forum in Lawrence.

"It's always nice to beat a Division 1 team," said coach Martiniello. "They controlled the first period, we controlled the second and the third was even – with a lot of scram-

bling around by both teams in the last four minutes after we took the lead."

"It was nice to get back on the winning side. The losses to Gloucester and Tewksbury were both tough. We didn't play our best hockey – but those are two very good teams and they deserved to win."

Trailing Central 2-0 after a pair of CCHS power play goals in the first period, Andover rallied to tie it 2-2 when A.J. Drivas scored two power play goals just over three minutes apart at 9:08 and 12:25 of the middle stanza.

Matt Colby assisted on both goals, while Riki Retelle and John Hyslip had one setup each.

It remained deadlocked until senior defenseman Andrew Gatti scored an unassisted goal with 3:38 left in the game.

"He was looking for (Colin) Brennan on a break and dumped the puck up ice," said Martiniello. "It could have been icing – but both Colin and a Central player got to the puck at the same time."

"There was a scramble and their player actually scored into his own net – with Gatti getting credit for the goal as our last player to touch the puck."

The rest of the game was played at a frenetic pace, with the Raiders pulling their goaltender at the end and pressing for the equalizer.

Colby capped the scoring with an insurance goal into the empty net with only four seconds to play (14:56), assists to Austin Gilbert and Tucker Mullin.

Dan Abreau made 20 saves in the Andover net, while Mike Alessie had 22 stops for CCHS as the locals managed a 26-22 shooting edge.

Central's man-advantage goals were netted by Tim Houston and John O'Leary at 3:56 and 10:30 of the first session.

## Boston Latin 4

## Andover 3

This loss, the third by a one or two-goal margin, was hard to take for several reasons.

It came on home ice, to a team playing below the .500 mark (5-6-2), and it was against the same Latin crew that AHS bombarded 9-2 in the season opener at Matthews Arena in Boston on Dec. 14.

"Nobody really played well for us," said coach Martiniello. "It was the third straight game where we didn't come out strong, put ourselves behind the 8-ball and paid the ultimate price."

"We fell behind Tewksbury 3-0, fell behind Central 2-0 and fell behind Latin 4-1. It's tough to keep coming back from two- and three-goal deficits."

"We have to stop shooting ourselves in the foot and get back to playing three full periods of hockey," said Martiniello.

After A.J. Drivas gave Andover a 1-0 lead 11:16 into the game – Boston Latin countered with rapid-fire goals 62 seconds apart by Nick Bickerton (13:28) and Mike Slade (14:30).

The rivals skated through a scoreless second period, and the Wolfpack struck again with lightning speed early in the third session on goals 26 seconds apart by John Galafaro (2:04) and Tim Sharek (2:30).

Andover showed some resilience at this point, battling back to 4-3 after an unassisted, shorthanded goal by Austin Gilbert with 11 minutes left and Tucker Mullin's eighth of the season with less than eight minutes remaining.

But, despite outshooting Latin 12-3 in the final stanza and 28-12 for the game, the Golden Warriors were unable to net the equalizer.

Matt Colby and Joe Benedix contributed an assist each for AHS.

## BOYS SWIM &amp; DIVE

In one of its biggest wins in recent years, the undefeated Andover High boys swim and dive team came from behind in the final 400 free relay to capture that race and nip non-league power Acton-Boxboro, 93-92, at the Colonials' pool.

Amazingly, the same scenario developed against another formidable non-league foe, Lexington, and once again AHS won the final 400 free relay by the narrowest of margins to squeeze out an 86-84 decision Tuesday afternoon at the Greater Lawrence Vo-Tech pool.

Those two dramatic victories, along with a much calmer 87-66 non-league romp over visiting Melrose, boosted the smooth-stroking Golden Warriors to an 9-0 overall record including 3-0 as a Merrimack Valley Conference co-leader.

## Schedule

The MVC dual-meet title will be on the line tomorrow (Friday) in the final conference meet against co-leader Chelmsford (7-3 overall, 3-0 MVC) at the Greater Lowell YMCA pool (3:30 p.m.).

Chelmsford swam Acton-Boxboro back on Jan. 3 and dropped a 101-84 decision to the Colonials – while also losing to Lexington 91-79 – which should bode well for Andover.

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The annual MVC Championship Meet is set for Friday, Feb. 10 at Haverhill's White Natatorium (3:30 p.m.).

## Andover 93

## Acton-Boxboro 92

Dual swim meets, unless they end up in a tie, don't get any closer than this one.

Perennial state power A-B, which today stands 8-3 overall, led 86-85 entering the final 400 free relay event.

Although the Colonials placed second and third, it wasn't enough as the AHS clutch quartet of sophomore Christian Bishop, senior Rob Medaglio, sophomore Peter Saunders and freshman anchor Nick D'Innocenzo sped home in 3:27.82 for eight crucial points and the win.

Their time was the best of the season for the locals, and almost three seconds faster than A-B's runner-up squad (3:30.40).

"The 400 relay was for the whole deal," said Andover head coach Mark Taffe. "We took the lead on the third leg, with Saunders lowering his personal best in the 100 free by three seconds (55 to 52), and then D'Innocenzo kept the same size lead the rest of the way."

"It was unbelievable how everyone stepped up the way they did at the same time," said Taffe. "We had a bunch of fourth and fifth places that were huge in terms of points needed to win the meet."

The locals placed first in eight of the 12 events – while A-B dominated the seconds (nine) and thirds (seven).

D'Innocenzo remained undefeated in individual races with victories in the 200 IM (2:03.01) and 100 breaststroke (season-best 1:04.76).

Other AHS winners were Saunders in the 100 butterfly (58.54), Bishop the 500 free (5:10.55) and junior Dave Espindle with a personal-best in the 100 backstroke (59.44).

The 200 medley relay of Espindle, D'Innocenzo, Saunders and sophomore Peter Li also won (1:48.18).

One meter diver Joe Savoca played a huge part, placing first by nipping A-B's Jake Maynard by a

mere 40/100ths of a point. Had the two reversed positions AHS would have lost the meet.

Savoca finished with 182.00 and Maynard 181.60.

Valuable runners-up were Medaglio (200 free, season-best 1:54.54), Saunders (50 free, 24.28) and the 200 free relay of Li, junior Kevin O'Donnell, freshman Yubo Liu and Medaglio (1:39.73).

Finishing third, with every point critical, were Bishop (200 free, 1:58.70), freshman diver Peter Wakeling (first sectional-cut 165.55 points), Medaglio (100 fly, 1:02.28), Li (100 free, 53.30) and sophomore Tim Russell (100 breast, 1:10.22).

"Li's third in the 100 free was huge for us," said coach Taffe. "I was very concerned about getting swept, but Peter snuck in there with a personal-best time and a sectional cut."

Placing fourth were Espindle (200 IM, 2:17.82), freshman diver Steve Moore (143.35 points), freshman Mike Bakies (500 free, 5:47.06), O'Donnell (100 back, 1:05.03) and sophomore Zach Hamer (100 breast, 1:11.15).

Fifth-place finishers included Bakies (200 free, 2:07.93), Hamer (200 IM, 2:19.96), Liu (50 free, 25.46) and Moore (100 free, 56.30).

Touching sixth were O'Donnell (50 free, 26.66), sophomore Andrew Janetti (100 fly, 1:15.14), Liu (100 free, 58.01), senior Capt. Mike Stewart (500 free, 6:09.95) and Li (100 back, 1:06.61).

Last year A-B edged Andover, 54-48, so this provided a measure of payback for the Golden Warriors.

## Andover 86

## Lexington 84

Like A-B, the visiting Minutemen (7-2) gave Andover all it could handle and then some as the meet was deadlocked 78-78 entering the final 400 free relay.

The same foursome that pulled out the win against Acton did it again as Christian Bishop, Rob Medaglio, Peter Saunders and Nick D'Innocenzo finished in a season-best 3:25.75.

Lexington was a mere 19/100ths of a second behind in 3:25.94.

"We won by a half-body length," said coach Taffe. "We were slightly behind after the second and third legs of the race, but Nick (D'Innocenzo) caught and finally passed their guy when both were about 8 inches from the wall and the final touch."

The Golden Warriors won six other events with double individual victories by D'Innocenzo and Bishop.

D'Innocenzo was tops in the 200 IM (2:01.44) and 100 breaststroke (1:04.91), while Bishop took first in the 200 free (1:54.59) and 500 free (5:14.40).

Saunders won the 50 free sprint (23.85) and Dave Espindle the 100 backstroke (58.66).

Second places were garnered by Saunders (100 butterfly, 58.16), the 200 medley relay of Espindle, D'Innocenzo, Saunders and Peter Li (1:45.81) and 200 free relayers Li, Kevin O'Donnell, Medaglio and Bishop (1:37.75).

"We had at least 10 kids that made a big difference with their places in their races," said Taffe. "The seconds, thirds, fourths and fifths were just as important to the team as the firsts."

"The relays did a tremendous job. In addition to the victory in the 400, we needed second and third in the 200 medley and 200 free and got them."

Grabbing thirds were Medaglio in the 200 free (1:55.19) and 100 fly (59.91), Espindle (200 IM, 2:15.72), Li (100 free, 5:33.31), Mike Bakies (500 free, 5:37.66) and Zach Hamer (100 breast, 1:09.89).

Third-place relays were the 200 medley quartet of O'Donnell, Tim Russell, Yubo Liu, Luke DeLisio (1:54.87) and the 200 free crew of DeLisio, Steve Moore, Pat Delacoste and Liu (1:42.13).

Although they did not score, a pair of AHS 400 free relays placed fourth and fifth with Moore, O'Donnell, Bakies and Espindle posting a 3:53.53 time and Stewart, Delacoste, Brian O'Connor and Justin Ferguson a 4:11.49.

Touching fourth for key points were Liu (50 free, 24.84) and Russell (100 back, 1:06.61).

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## AHS ROUNDUP

## BOYS SWIM &amp; DIVE

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sell (100 breast, 1:10.72).  
Placing fifth were Bakies (200 free, 2:05.39), Hamer (200 IM, 2:19.13), Liu (100 free, 56.38) and Li (100 back, 1:03.03).

DeLisio contributed a sixth in the 50 free (26.84), Andrew Janetti the 100 fly (1:16.50), Moore the 100 free (57.57), Mike Stewart the 500 free (6:07.77) and O'Donnell the 100 back (1:05.56).

Because Lexington has no one-meter divers that event was not scored, although Peter Wakeling dove unopposed and chalked up 146.80 unofficial points.

Sectional cuts were achieved by Bakies in the 500 free and Hamer in the 100 breast.

Posting personal-best times were Bakies (200 free, 500 free), Hamer (100 breast, 200 IM), Espindle (100 back, 200 IM), Liu (50 free, 100 free), Saunders (50 free), Medaglio (100 fly) and Stewart (500 free).

Andover 87  
Melrose 66

Freshman Mike Bakies won two events, Andover placed first in 10 of 12, and the locals swept the 200 IM and 100 backstroke on the way to the lopsided win at the Greater Lawrence Vo-Tech pool.

It boosted the locals to 4-0 against Middlesex League opponents - with all four wins by 19 or more points.

Bakies posted personal-best time in both his victories, 2:06.15 in the 200 free and 5:40.47 in the 500 free.

"He's knocking on the door of sectional-cut times in both events," said coach Taffe. "But time to qualify is running short and hopefully Mike does it soon."

Pete Saunders led the sweep of the 100 back with a sectional-cut 1:02.28 performance.

Dave Espindle won the 200 IM in a personal-best 2:16.50, while other individual victors were Rob Medaglio (100 fly, 1:01.46) and Zach Hamer (100 breaststroke, 1:10.75).

In one of the closest races of the season, Hamer nipped teammate Tim Russell who touched in 1:10.87.

The first-place 200 medley squad consisted of Kevin O'Donnell, Russell, Yubo Liu and Luke DeLisio (1:55.12), which barely edged out the AHS team of Christian Bishop, Dave Espindle, Nick D'Innocenzo and Brian O'Connor (1:56.32) by 1.2 seconds.

The 200 free relay of Peter Li, Capt. Mike Stewart, Saunders and

Medaglio (1:41.31) outraced the runner-up squad of Liu, DeLisio, Steve Moore and Pat Delacoste (1:44.56).

Completing a sweep of the relays was the 400 free foursome of Capt. Justin Ferguson, Stewart, D'Innocenzo and Bishop (3:30.38), who won by a healthy margin over Andover's Li, Moore, Russell and Espindle (3:52.19).

Freshmen Peter Wakeling and Steve Moore placed 1-2 in the one-meter diving with 140.35 and 140.00 points respectively.

Rounding out the sweep of the 200 IM were Li (2:18.66) and Hamer (2:22.16), while 2-3 in the 100 back were O'Donnell (1:04.69) and Andrew Janetti (1:14.62).

Other runners-up for the locals were freshman Devon Mullen (200 free, 2:14.97), Liu (50 free, 25.18), Espindle (100 fly, 1:06.60), Stewart (100 free, 58.03) and Russell (100 breast, 1:10.87).

Also third were DeLisio (50 free, 26.32), Delacoste (100 free, 59.03) and Ferguson (500 free, 6:32.19).

Finishing fourth were O'Connor (50 free, 28.59), Liu (100 fly, 1:10.63) and DeLisio (100 free, 1:01.47).

Diver Joe Savoca left the board to swim a pair of races, placing fifth in both the 500 free (7:55.06) and 100 breast (1:37.56).

D'Innocenzo swam the 200 free as an unofficial (non-scoring) entrant and recorded a swift 1:53.93 time.

## INDOOR TRACK

The Andover High boys indoor track team clinched its second straight Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 dual-meet title, finishing undefeated in the division with a 54-32 victory over visiting Chelmsford at the newly-christened Richard J. Collins Field House.

The win was the 13th straight and 18th in the last 19 indoor meets for the Golden Warriors, now 6-0 overall and 4-0 in MVC 1.

The AHS girls (4-1) handed winless Chelmsford a 56-30 loss to place second to Central Catholic in MVC 1, with the only loss 46-40 to the Raiders.

## Schedule

The AHS teams were tested yesterday afternoon (Wednesday), after *Townsmen* presstime, when they hosted Division 2 Tewksbury in a crossover showdown at the Collins

Field House.

The TMHS girls entered with a 4-0-1 record as MVC 2 co-champs (with Billerica), while the boys were 6-1 and finished second to Methuen.

On the big-meet agenda, this weekend marked the annual McIntyre Elite Relays at the Reggie Lewis Center.

The meet is named after former longtime Andover and Melrose High teacher/coach Bob McIntyre, a resident of the Shawshen Village section of town for much of his life.

Andover boys 54  
Chelmsford 32

The champs placed first in seven of the 10 events and went 1-2 in the 50 hurdles, high jump and shot put to key the triumph.

Individual winners were hurdler Adam Cuomo (6.6), sprinters Jason Sheldon (50 dash, 5.6) and Pierre Hage (300 dash, 34.7), Ben Ossoff (600 run, 1:20.8), high jumper Andy Wheelwright (5'9") and shot putter John Kim (42'2").

The 4x400 relay also placed first in 3:51.8.

Nate Baker nailed down a pair of second places in the 300 dash (34.9) and high jump (5'7").

Other runners-up were hurdler Matt McMahon (7.0), miler Peter Shaw (10:25.4) and shot putter Sean Donlan (41'7").

Rounding out the scorers in third were Jeff Belardo (50 dash, 5.8), sophomore Mike Murray (600 run, 1:22.2), Peter Roman (1000 run, 2:36.7) and miler Dave Easton (5:01.0).

Andover girls 56  
Chelmsford 30

The Lady Warriors swept the hurdles, 300 dash and high jump, while also going 1-2 in the 50 dash and 600 to beat the Lions handily.

Struggling Chelmsford, which won outright or shared the MVC indoor dual-meet Division 1 title nine times in a recent 11-year stretch, fell to 0-5 this winter.

The sweep of the hurdles was achieved by winner Brittany Pierce (7.4), Tamar Brady (7.9) and Caroline Hodge (8.1).

Placing 1-2-3 in the 300 were freshman Melissa Knapp (40.8), freshman Jenn Johnson (41.1) and sophomore Kayley Pettoruto (41.5).

Top three in the high jump were sophomore winner Jess Forster (4'10"), Kerry Hill (4'6") and Carolyn Damphousse (4'6").

Other AHS victors were Chrissy Peracchi (50 dash, 6.5), undefeated Rachel Fox (600 run, 1:30.6) and the 4x400 relay anchored by Fox

(4:26.0).

Additional runners-up included Bizzy DiTroia (50 dash, 6.6), Colleen Shannon (600 run, 1:32.6), miler Casey Harrison (5:26.5) and shot putter Sarah Thompson (31'11").

Placing third were Brianna Gross (1000 run, 2:59.6) and two-miler Mary Burke (12:57.9).

## ALPINE SKI

The Andover High girls alpine ski team had its five-year North Shore League dual-meet win streak snapped at 44, with the absence of injured No. 1 racer Michelle Guy no doubt contributing to a 72-63 loss to North Andover earlier this week.

With senior Capt. Guy getting banged up while training up north, the Lady Warriors fell just short to NSL co-leader NA which had lost to Andover by the same 72-63 score in a season-opening meet Jan. 9.

"Fortunately Michelle is going to be OK," reported AHS coach Tom Busta. "She's got some bruises but is hoping to be back by the State Tournament (March 1)."

Prior to the setback, Andover continued to dominate the opposition as the multi-time reigning NSL champs (6-1 overall) registered three more dual-meet victories at Bradford Hill over Masconomet Regional of Topsfield (102-33), Haverhill (101-34) and Austin Prep of Reading (106-29).

"The girls work really hard and are not used to losing," noted Busta. "We are going to start a new streak."

On the boys side, Andover clinched a spot in All-State Championship Meet with a close 75-65 victory over Masconomet Regional.

## Schedule

The girls returned to the slopes yesterday (Wednesday), after *Townsmen* presstime, with a tri-meet versus Bishop Fenwick of Peabody and Haverhill.

The boys (5-1) had their Tuesday tri-meet with St. John's Prep of Danvers and North Andover postponed by sleet and rain. That meet was rescheduled for tomorrow (Friday) at 3:30 p.m. at Bradford Hill.

Today (Thursday) the boys race

Bishop Fenwick of Peabody in a makeup (3:30), and then complete their 2006 league season next Tuesday afternoon (3:30) with a tri-meet against Haverhill and Fenwick.

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The annual Interscholastic Race is Tuesday, Feb. 14 at Bradford Hill and the All-State Championship Meet is scheduled Wednesday, March 1 at Wachusett Mountain.

The top two teams in the girls and boys divisions of the NSL will automatically qualify for the State Meet.

Andover girls 101  
Haverhill 34

In the first meet without Guy, the Lady Warriors were still able to sweep the top eight places on the way to victory.

Cara Suglia finished first with a 22:26-second run, edging out runner-up Jackie Guy (22:42) and Kayla Fosse who also broke 23 seconds with a 22:87 clocking.

Completing the top eight were Dani Liffman (4th, 23.14), Carly Holstein (5th, 23.31), Cayley Christopher (6th, 23.53), Colleen Heath (7th, 23.61) and Amanda Carrington (8th, 23.67).

Also scoring for the locals were Julie Harker (10th, 23.72) and Kristina Fuerst (12th, 24.02).

"Cara Suglia stepped it up in this race," noted Busta. "She has been very focused and working hard at practice."

Andover girls 102  
Masconomet 33

AHS swept the top five places, and took seven of the first 10, to key this triumph.

Kayla Fosse and Cara Suglia finished in a virtual dead heat for the top spot, Fosse at 23.14 and Suglia 23.15.

Tied for third with identical 23:37 times were Dani Liffman and Jackie Guy, while Cayley Christopher placed 5th in 23.81.

Also cracking the top 10 were Colleen Heath (7th, 23.91) and Carly Holstein (9th, 24.30).

Others picking up points for the Lady Warriors were Kristina Fuerst

(12th, 24.65), Julie Harker (13th, 24.68), Margaret Doherty (14th, 24.86) and Amanda Carrington (15th, 24.91).

## Andover girls split

Andover rolled to a 106-29 win over Austin Prep and suffered the rare loss, 72-63, to North Andover.

"Without Michelle we needed to have flawless runs from everyone to stand a chance against North Andover," noted Busta. "The conditions were inconsistent, wet-packed for the early racers and dry later in the afternoon."

Cayley Christopher was the first AHS skier across versus North Andover, 4th overall in 22.62, while Cara Suglia placed 5th in 22.82 and Dani Liffman 6th in 22.91.

The Scarlet Knights grabbed the top three and six of the first nine spots.

Jackie Guy was 10th in 23.46 and tied for 11th at 23.56 were Julie Harker and Kayla Fosse.

Completing the top 15 were Colleen Heath (13th, 23.81), Amanda Carrington (14th, 23.82) and Carly Holstein (15th, 23.95).

"Christopher, Suglia and Liffman had nice runs," noted Busta. "It was Christopher's best race to date."

"Carrington also had a quality race to get us a few points and keep it close."

Andover boys 75  
Masconomet 65

Eric Heath led the way with a first-place finish against Masco in 21.08.

Gavin Lynch was 3rd in 21.29, and following in order were Jake Stamas (5th, 21.70), Jason Dashtpeyma (6th, 21.84) and Matt Anderson (7th, 22.09).

Also picking up important points in the close meet were Peter Webster (11th, 22.57), Wil Suglia (13th, 22.84) and John Suglia (15th, 22.86).

"This win was well-deserved," noted coach Busta. "Heath and Lynch had terrific runs - and Matt Anderson returned to the lineup and to his usual form after missing the previous two races."

## WHAT'S UP



COURTESY PHOTO

Coach Bruce Rich prepares his team before their Jan. 8 meet.

Andover boys serve notice  
on the wrestling community

By Steve Burdeau

First-year programs just don't do this. In a stunning achievement, 17 of 23 Andover middle-school wrestlers, most of whom have been wrestling for only a little more than a month, brought home medals from the prestigious Chelmsford Invitational Wrestling meet recently.

Led by Gold Medal-winners Chris Fairweather, Chris Newton, Christopher Warne and Marcus Olivieri, the Andover team was the surprise of the Jan. 8th tournament. Competing against some of the best programs from across the state, Andover more than held its own in its first meet. More than 1,500 fans attended the event, which featured more than 550 wrestlers from teams from across New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Bruce Rich, head coach of the two-month old Andover Youth Services Middle School Wrestling program, led his team into his former high school and was very proud of his teams' accomplishment. Coach Rich commented, "While there is a long way to go, this is an unbelievable effort by these boys. It really shows what hard work and determination can do. There is no question; this program and these wrestlers are setting a foundation for what should be a strong future for Andover Wrestling."

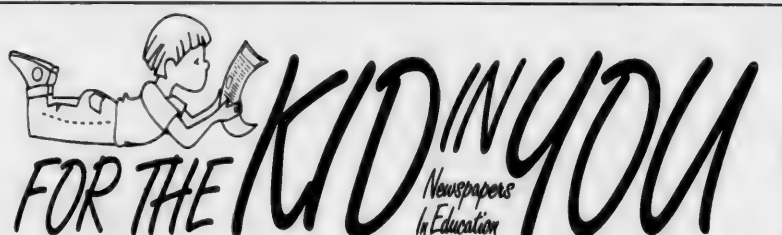
In addition to the Gold Medals, Silver Medals were awarded to Caleb Lynch, Jeff Springwater, Jake Lebowitz, Nick Burdeau, Nick Schumacher, Stephen Dargie, Thomas Iannalfo and Zachary Ruth.

Bronze Medals were won by Sean MacDonald, Adam Devine, Alex Lundquist, Alex Malcom and Mike Olivieri.

Rounding out a fine team effort with excellent individual performances were Matthew Potts, James Burke, Mark Fitzgerald, Matt Byrne, Doug Weldon and Phillip Pierre-Louis.

Coach Kevin Cote was ecstatic with the performance of his team. "They have all been working hard at practice and their efforts paid off today. They came to Chelmsford and everyone gave 100 percent. I am really proud of them."

For more information about Andover Wrestling, contact Andover Youth Services Director Bill Fahey.



## Let it snow!

In winter, snow clouds may turn our world into a white winter wonderland. What makes snow instead of rain? The Kid turned to science to find out. Normal clouds contain water vapor. It condenses into tiny droplets.

Snow requires special conditions to form. First, the temperature must be below freezing. Second, there must be tiny dust particles in the cloud. The water molecules start freezing around the microscopic dust particle into tiny crystals.

The crystals build as additional molecules of water vapor collect, forming snowflakes.

The shape of a snowflake depends on several factors: how fast it falls, the height of the cloud, the temperature, the humidity, the barometric pressure, and the electrical conditions of the atmosphere.

The flake may take the form of a six-pointed star, a needle or a column with an irregular shape.

If the ice crystals spin around a vertical axis as they fall, the snowflakes will have a hexagonal or six-sided form and will be almost perfectly symmetric.

In northern areas, snow tends to fall as individual flakes.

In warmer areas the flakes may stick together into snow clusters. A snow cluster can get very large, containing thousands of individual snowflakes.



Snow has different consistencies depending on the size and shape of the flakes and the amount of air space between the flakes.

Powder snow, good for most sports like skiing, is dry or just a little moist. In dry areas, 20 inches of snow will melt down to 1 inch of water. In very moist areas, 6 inches of snow will melt down to 1 inch of water.

The Eskimos or Inuits who live in the north have words to describe different types of snow.

anniu - falling snow  
api - ground snow  
kimoagtruq - snow drift  
siqag - smoky, drifting snow  
upsik - wind beaten snow  
salumaroq - smooth snowy surface of fine particles  
natatgonag - rough snow surface of large particles.

## Activities

1. Do you have snow in your community right now? Look in your newspaper for photographs that show snow.

2. Cut a snowflake from your newspaper.

3. Here's another snowflake you can make. You will need white glue, waxed paper, white thread, and glitter.

Place a sheet of waxed paper on the table. Use the white glue to draw a snowflake on the waxed paper. Make sure all parts of the pattern connect. Sprinkle glitter on the glue. Let it dry for several hours.

When the glue is dry, peel the snowflake from the waxed paper. Form a loop of thread through the snowflake and tie, leaving enough to use as a hanger.

Which two  
snowmen  
are the  
same?

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# Arts & Entertainment

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### Thursday, February 2

No events listed.

### Friday, February 3

**Tsaadim Shabbat**, a monthly Friday night service for children six years of age and younger, includes light kosher dinner, 6 p.m., suggested donation \$10 per family per Shabbat, reservations required, Congregation Beth Israel of the Merrimack Valley, 501 South Main St.; 978-474-0540.

**Art auction benefit**, food, fun and fine art combine with sports and music memorabilia, sponsored by the Lawrence Rotary Club to aid their scholarship fund, 6 p.m., \$25 per person Sal's Restaurant and Conference Center, 354 Merrimack St., Lawrence; John Felci 978-479-5344.

**Political analyst Jon Keller** is the featured White Fund speaker at the



Jon Keller

NECC Lawrence Extension Campus, sharing his professional journey in a free presentation, "Covering Politics: One Reporter's Wild Ride," noon, program is free and open to the public, Northern Essex Community College, 78 Amesbury St., Lawrence; it is recommended that those planning to attend the program call the college, 978-556-3700, the morning of the program to confirm that it will be held as scheduled. To receive a calendar of upcoming events in the White Fund Enlightenment Series, contact the same number, 978-556-3700; for directions, visit the college's Web site, [www.necc.mass.edu](http://www.necc.mass.edu).

**Bluegrass sounds on tap**, Good Times Charlies will produce their rollicking bluegrass sounds starting at 8 p.m., free admission, The Tap, 100 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-374-1117 or [www.tap-brewpub.com](http://www.tap-brewpub.com).

### Saturday, February 4

**Digging Into History**, a free workshop sponsored by the Andover Historical Society, presented by Audrey Bedell, director of research, who will teach methods of researching Andover's rich history; for all ages, teen through adult, and open to local residents who wish to uncover more information about the history of their homes, to research genealogy or for student history projects; 10 a.m. to noon, snow date is Saturday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m. to noon, Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236.

**Folk singer Geoff Kaufman**, who has been leading audiences in folk music from the deck of Pete Seeger's sloop *Clearwater* in the Hudson River to festivals and coffeehouses around the country and in Europe, performs ballads, work

songs, songs of love, struggle and insight, 7:30 p.m., suggested donation of \$12, Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St.; 978-475-4454.

**The New Black Eagle Jazz Band**, a traditional jazz band now in its 32nd year, performs a wide range of styles from the early New Orleans style through a repertoire of more than 600 pieces, 7:30 p.m., advance tickets \$18, \$15 seniors, all tickets at the door \$20; Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover; 978-470-3445.

**Folk music concert**, Nerissa and Katryna Nields, a nationally-known "neo-folk" duo, will perform with their hallmark "quirky, intelligent original songs," as well as classic folk songs, 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m., \$15, coffee and desserts available for purchase, at the New Moon Coffeehouse at the Haverhill Universalist Unitarian Church, 16 Ashland St., Haverhill; 978-373-9259 or visit the Web site [www.newmooncoffeehouse.org](http://www.newmooncoffeehouse.org).

**Summer camp fair**, camp representatives from more than 70 day and overnight summer programs for youth and teens will be available to answer questions and provide information about their camps, free admission, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Glen Urquhart School, 74 Hart St., Beverly; Julie Dutcher 978-927-1064, Ext. 17.

**Children's Stage Adventures** returns to Sanborn School for a theatrical residency this week, culminating with a performance by students of an original musical adaptation of *The Fisherman and His Wife*, a favorite Grimm's fairy tale, 2 p.m., \$5 (available at the door), Sanborn School auditorium, Lovejoy Road; Rushna Tejani Heneghan 978-886-1506.

### Sunday, February 5

**Summer ops**, 15th Annual Summer Opportunities Fair with representatives from more than 70 summer programs for high school and middle school students, including academic enrichment, outdoor adventure, travel, internships, community service and much more, free and open to the public, noon to 2 p.m., the Commons dining hall, 16 Salem St., on the campus of Phillips Academy; 978-749-4480.

**Classical music by African-American composers**, featuring works by Scott Joplin, Duke Ellington, Margaret Bonds and Florence Price, performed by the piano students of Duncan Cumming, 1 p.m., free and open to the public, in the Timken Room at Graves Hall on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St.; 978-749-4995.

**Three Russian concertos**, performed by Phillips Academy music department faculty, soprano Barbara Kilduff-O'Farrell, pianist Laura Teplitsky of Andover and guests Charles Jennison on the saxophone and violinist Paul MacDowell, both of Phillips Exeter faculty, performing Glier, Glazunov and Shostakovich, 4

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Andover artist Doug Bell shows some of the items in his workshop. He enjoys items "that have the look and feel of human use."

## He has a handle on collecting valuable artifacts

By Greta Cuyler

IF THERE'S A PACKRAT LURKING inside us all, at least Andover-based painter and sculptor Doug Bell has found a way to harness his for good.

You name it, Bell collects it - from clocks to suitcases, board games to lab beakers, glass bottles to religious paraphernalia. But this lifelong packrat has parlayed his collecting of everyday objects into a career as an artist. He finds and organizes like items, displaying them in various galleries and corporate settings.

"I went to art school and graduate school and learned traditional drawing, painting and sculpture techniques," says Bell. "But one of the things they teach you in art school is to find your inner self, what drives you to make art, that thing that makes you make the sacrifices you need to make in your life for your art."

"Lowell Stack: Sweet Nothings & Hardware Supplies," an installation of Bell's work, is on display at the University Gallery at the University of Massachusetts Lowell through Feb. 24.

Putting everyday objects into collections

is something that Bell has done since childhood.

"I have always collected things - rocks, bugs, sea glass, all carefully arranged, labeled and displayed," he says. "I'd get totally into something like that from an early age."

As an adult, Bell once took a large glass jar, the kind that cherry peppers might come in, and placed it on his front hall table. Every time he came into the house, he emptied his pockets into that jar. The result? A piece called "Everything that came out of my pocket every day for a year."

Bell says he collects things "that have the look and feel of human use." He also prefers antiques, but not necessarily valuable items. He scopes out finds at flea markets, yard sales and second-hand shops. He is always on the lookout for glass bottles and jars and scientific equipment.

The one thing he avoids is plastic, preferring the look and feel of metal.

One entire 20-foot-long wall of his UMass Lowell exhibit is covered with items that Bell has collected, beginning with a desk from his workshop where he does



Doug Bell with a box of rubber-stamp handles.

### ARTIST DOUG BELL

**"Lowell Stack: Sweet Nothings & Hardware Supplies"**

**Admission: Free**

**Through Feb. 24**

**University Gallery at UMass Lowell**

**McGauvran Student Union  
71 Wilder St., Lowell**

**Gallery hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover residents (from left) Alice Pascucci, Keith Sherman, Kathleen Dalton and Ron Wackowski are featured in the upcoming Quannapowitt Players production of Mary Chase's classic comedy *Harvey*, under the direction of Wakefield resident Donna Corbett.

*Harvey*, an American favorite and 1945 Pulitzer Prize-winner, is the story about Elwood P. Dowd and his imaginary friend, Harvey, a six-and-a-half-foot rabbit. This classic comedy raises the age-old question of who is more dangerous to society: the easy-going dreamer with a vivid imagination, or the people who want him to conform to the accepted version of reality. The plot revolves around Dowd's sister, Veta, who tries to have him committed to a sanitarium, but Dowd's mild-mannered eccentricity has a strange influence on everyone. At the QP Playhouse, 55 Hopkins St., Reading on Feb. 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24 & 25; Fridays & Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$14; \$13 for seniors and students. For further information or reservations, call 781-942-2212, or visit the QP Web site at [www.QPtheater.com](http://www.QPtheater.com).



The Bell Jar - Doug Bell springs into action with a glass jar full of springs.

ter some contemplative observations in the viewer."

The exhibit also includes large oil and acrylic paintings, mixed with collage. The paintings, says Bell, are abstract interpretations of a small section of the wall exhibit.

Fortunately, his wife is supportive of Bell's non-stop collecting. Mary Patrick Bogan is somewhat of an antique lover herself, a book conservator in North Andover who has restored original Lewis and Clark maps. She also has a collection of about 100 small oil cans.

When not creating art from everyday objects, Bell is the gallery preparator and registrar at the Tufts University gallery in Medford. He also teaches studio painting courses at Monserrat College of Art in Beverly.

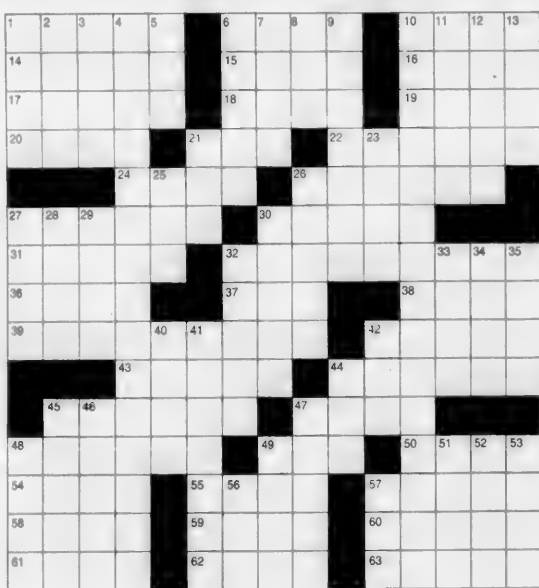
Bell's art pieces sell for \$100 to \$750 for small pieces and \$1,000 to \$3,000 for large paintings.



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## CLUES ACROSS

1. Seize
6. Having lived
10. Slave
14. Time after sunset
15. Finished
16. Worshipped object
17. Honda model
18. Fixed charges
19. Jeer
20. Siamese language
21. Denial
22. Kicked football
24. One point north of northwest
26. Mire
27. \_\_\_\_\_talkie
30. Deceptively imitate
31. Embellish
32. A work associate
36. Intense anger
37. Mined metal
38. Part of a chromosome
39. Injury from cold
42. Fragile
43. Metal shackles
44. Signals
45. Attacks on all sides
47. Right
48. Group of six
49. Color property
50. Disarrange
54. Daddy
55. Egg-shaped



57. Busybody
58. In a short time
59. African Republic
60. Give abilities to
61. Greatest quantity
62. Stair part
63. Blocks

## CLUES DOWN

1. Small biting fly
2. Wealthy
3. Water in Spanish
4. Cannot be reduced
5. School organization
6. Supplement

7. Big toe inflammation
8. Between northeast and east
9. Plunder
10. Result of negotiation
11. Copyreads
12. Gowns
13. Left quickly
21. One point east of due north
23. Insist on
25. Come out first
26. Disturbance
27. Fisherman's
28. Hebrew month
29. Trademark
30. Garrisons
32. Mints
33. Sporting equipment
34. Building block
35. Snake-like fishes
40. Plant with branches
41. Buttocks
42. Contagious viral disease
44. We \_\_\_\_\_ the World
45. Another name for Bingo
46. Exhibitions
47. Spring flower
48. E-mail garbage
49. Robust
51. Take apart
52. Halt
53. Cutting devices
56. Container for liquid
57. Affirmative

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p.m., free and open to the public, in the Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St.; Elisa Martyn 978-749-4263.

## Monday, February 6

**Open auditions,** for Quannapowitt Players, who will perform Alan Ball's outrageous comedy, *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress*, directed by Mark Baumhardt of Wakefield, two days of auditions: February 6 and 7, 7 p.m., QP Playhouse, 55 Hopkins St., Reading; 781-942-2212 or [www.qptheater.com](http://www.qptheater.com).

## Tuesday, February 7

**Whale Rider**, fourth in an international film series presented by Merrimack College, this worldwide phenomenon "parlays girl power, multi-cultural spice and storytelling punch into a sleeper hit that is both artful and rousing entertainment," 7 p.m., free and open to the public, discussion prior to film at 6:30 p.m., along with refreshments, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover; 978-837-5355.

**Andover Garden Club meeting,** Laura Eisener on "Native Shrubs for Year-Round Interest," Massachusetts associate editor for *People, Places, Plants* magazine, will

present a slide lecture that shows a number of exciting varieties that can enliven New England gardens throughout all four seasons; program includes catered luncheon; 11 a.m., \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members (call by Feb. 5 for reservations), West Parish Church, Route 133 and Reservation Road; Carol Prentiss 978-470-0763 or [cepp157@comcast.net](mailto:cepp157@comcast.net).

**Jazz music,** the Barbara and Al Boudreau Quartet, featuring Ted Casher on the tenor sax, and regulars Mark Carlsen on bass, Jack Senor on keyboard, Al Boudreau on drums and Barbara Boudreau doing vocals, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5 cover charge, the Sahara Club, 34 Bates St., Methuen; 978-683-9200.

## Wednesday, February 8

**Superfoods**, the topic of the Weston A. Price Foundation, Andover chapter's February monthly meeting, an organization that teaches about cooking with whole, unprocessed foods, 6-8 p.m.; for location in Andover, call 978-474-9283.

## Thursday, February 9

**Homebased Businesswomen's Network**, presents the improv group "Scared Scriptless," who will lead participants through "an energetic program of structured play that will help them learn important communication and social skills," 7 p.m., free to members, \$10 guest fee, at the Village Green Restaurant, Newbury Street (Route 1 North) in Danvers; Lisa Kowski 978-468-9669 or Kate Victory 978-777-8840.

## Friday, February 10

**Lowell Opera Company at West Middle School**, presenting "Something for Everyone: A Tragedy / A Comedy Tonight!" an evening of favorite tragic moments from opera and Broadway, followed by comedy highlights, 7:30 p.m., \$20, \$15 for adults and seniors, \$10 for students and children, West Middle School auditorium, 70 Shawshen Road; 978-441-6926 or [www.operalowell.org](http://www.operalowell.org).

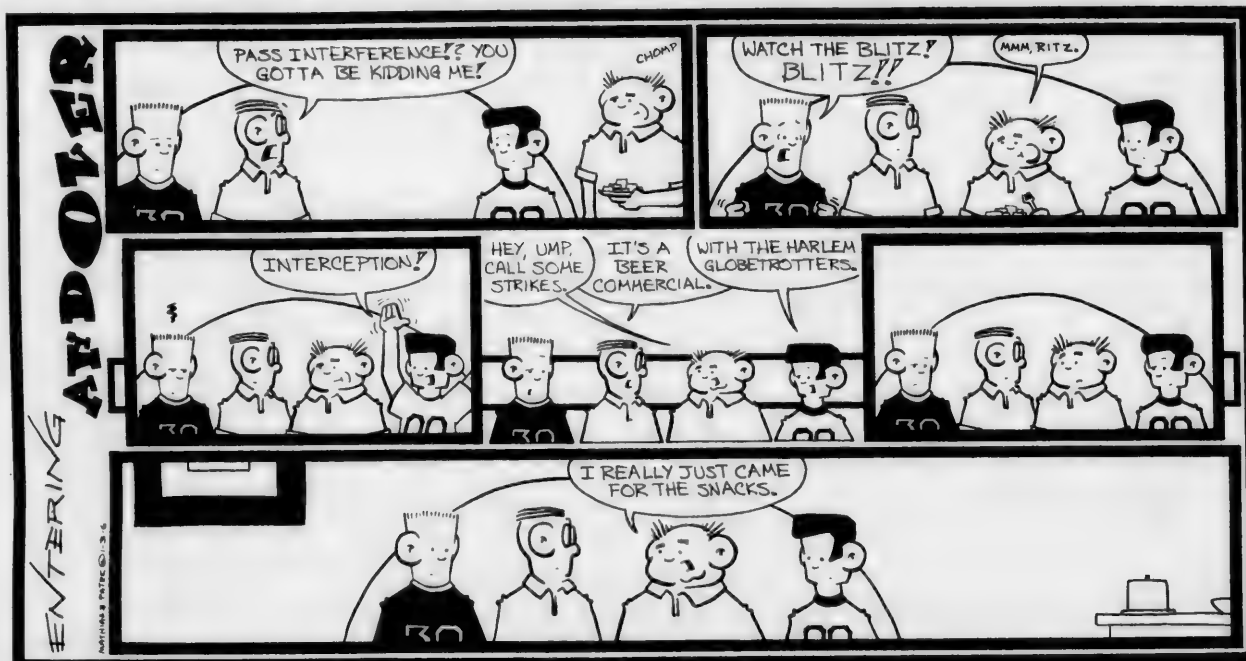
## Saturday, February 11

**6th annual fund-raising Valentine's Day gala event**, to benefit the Devon Nicole House Foundation, hosted by the late Devon Nicole Missett's parents Deanna and Tom of Windham, N.H.; elegant and romantic gala event includes a cocktail hour, hors d'oeuvres, ice sculpture, dinner, dancing, entertainment and silent auction; 5:30 p.m., \$75 per person; Wyndham Hotel in Andover; 603-

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## Folk music

**Antje Duvekot**, originally from Heidelberg, Germany, and Anais Mitchell, perform, 8 p.m., doors open at 7:15 p.m., \$15. Crossroads Coffeehouse at North Parish Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover; 978-687-3960 or [www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org](http://www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org).



Antje Duvekot



Anais Mitchell

## Sunday, February 12

**Valentine brunch**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$7, advance tickets only. Andover Senior Center; 978-623-8321.

**"Marcel Proust's Salon,"** a Valentine concert. Andover Chamber Music Series, Julia Scolnik, artistic director, presents Mistral with Israeli violinist Itai Shapira playing the music of Franck and Debussy; 4 p.m.; \$30/\$25, student rush \$8, and group sales available. "A Taste of Music" reception 6-8 p.m. (addi-

tional \$15) with samplings from Andover area caterers include Proust's madeleines, after Sunday concert only (the group is also playing Saturday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m., First Church, Boston); Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-474-6222 or [info@andoverchambermusic.org](mailto:info@andoverchambermusic.org).

## ONGOING Art Exhibitions

**Addison Gallery of American Art**, a new show on exhibit through March 26, *Portraits of a People: Picturing African Americans in the 19th Century*, a traveling show featuring over 100 images made of (and by) African Americans in media ranging from paintings, photographs and silhouette profiles to book frontispieces and popular prints that will travel in the spring to the Delaware Art Museum and later to the Long Beach Museum of Art; also showing Jan. 28 through April 9, *Young America: The Daguerreotypes of Southworth & Hawes*, the only New England showing of this major touring exhibition, which features the largest and most comprehensive exhibit of the work of two of the finest practitioners of the art of fine art portraiture using daguerreotype photography over the period of their 20-year partnership, regular gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m., free admission, Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, corner of

Route 28 and Chapel Avenue; 978-749-4015, [www.addisongallery.org](http://www.addisongallery.org). **Alpers Fine Art of Andover**, gallery hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2 Main St.; 978-470-0013 or [www.alpersfineart.com](http://www.alpersfineart.com).

**Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology**, *Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody*, displays ethnographic objects from museum's collections of North and South America and a series of photographs that illustrate the activities of the museum's key people during the last century; Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., by appointment only, free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.; 978-749-4490.

**Arthur Griffin Museum of Photography**, two new shows through March 19: *The Body Familiar: Current Perspectives of the Nude*, images of the human form by 9 contemporary artists who are creating works that offer new perspectives on an age-old subject; *A Dream Half Remembered*, black and white images by Ken Rosenthal with a mystical quality; Tuesday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., \$5 admission, seniors, members and children under 12 free, Thursday admission is free all day, 67 Shore Road, Winchester; 781-729-1158, [www.griffinmuseum.org](http://www.griffinmuseum.org).

**Brush Art Gallery**, regular hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m.

to 4 p.m., and Sunday, noon-4 p.m., Brush Art Gallery and Studio, 256 Market St., Lowell; 978-459-7819 or [www.thebrush.org](http://www.thebrush.org).

**COOL Gallery**, exhibit hours Tuesday and Thursday, 1-5 p.m., COOL Gallery, 338 Market St., Lowell; Cultural Organization of Lowell 978-446-7162.

**University Gallery at UMass Lowell**, featuring the works of Andover-based painter and sculptor Doug Bell through Feb. 24; regular hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays by prior arrangement, University Gallery, First Floor, McGauvran Student Union, 71 Wilder St., UMass South, Lowell; 978-934-3491.

**Gallery 181**, Cotton Weaving House, 181 Canal St., Lawrence; Jim 978-688-4544.

**Robert Lehman Art Center at Brooks School**, gallery hours Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, 2:30-5 p.m., 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 978-725-6232.

**Whistler House Museum of Art**, Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641.

**Memorial Hall Library**, Artist of the Month is Nancy Carroll: Portraits in Wood, library hours: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; Norma Gammon 978-623-8401, Ext. 49, [www.mhl.org](http://www.mhl.org).

**Essex Art Center**, featuring in the Main Gallery, "Monhegan and More," the works of Ralph Bush. Kelly Haines and Mark Hayden; and in the Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery, the objects, wall paintings and works on paper of Alfredo Conde; regular gallery hours Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., galleries are free and open to the public; Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence; Cathy McLaurin 978-685-2343, or [www.essexartcenter.com](http://www.essexartcenter.com).

**McQuade Gallery**, located in the

McQuade Library at Merrimack College, gallery hours same as library hours: Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-midnight, Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-midnight, call to confirm hours, free admission; 978-837-5000.

**McCoy Gallery**, Merrimack College; hours Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., free admission; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

**Sakowich Campus Center**, at Merrimack College, the Fireside and first floor lounges, call for hours; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

**Senior Center artists**, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court; 978-623-8321.

**Lorica Artworks**, gallery specializing in original fine art from Ireland and America, featuring the largest collection of original fine art from Ireland in the Boston area, presents "Gathering Season," a group show presenting recent work by 21 artists from Ireland and America; gallery hours are: Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sunday noon-4 p.m., as well as by appointment; show runs to Dec. 31; free admission, handicapped access; 90 Main St.; 978-470-1829 or [www.loricaartworks.com](http://www.loricaartworks.com).

**Marland Place Gallery**, daily viewing times 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Marland Place, 15 Stevens St.; Diane 978-475-4225.

**Walsingham Gallery**, works by artists J.C. Airola, Robert Douglas Hunter, Jean Lightman, Elizabeth M. Leary, John Daniel Phillips, Frank Strazulla Jr., and others; gallery hours Monday, Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., closed Tuesdays, 47 Merrimack St., Newburyport; 978-499-4411 [www.thewalsingham-gallery.com](http://www.thewalsingham-gallery.com).

**Montserrat College of Art 301**

**Gallery**, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., and by appointment, 301 Cabot St., Beverly; Ashley Hopkins 978-921-4242, Ext. 1114.

**Evos Arts Gallery**, free, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-9906, [www.evosarts.com](http://www.evosarts.com).

**Flint Memorial Library**, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942, [www.flintmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.flintmemoriallibrary.org).

**The State of the Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden**, Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester; 978-463-8883.

**Churchill Gallery**, gallery hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday noon-5 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport; 978-462-9891.

**Cape Ann Historical Museum**, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester; 978-283-0455.

**The Saltbox Gallery**, is exhibiting new works of the gallery artists at the Topsfield public library, featuring a representative sampling of Saltbox Gallery artists, including oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels and hand-carved objects; the library is at 1 South Common St., Topsfield, library hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday noon to 4 p.m.; gallery hours, Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 49 Main St., Topsfield; 978-887-3844.

**Sense of Wonder Gallery**, 622 Main St., Reading; 781-944-8986 or [www.senseofwondergifts.com](http://www.senseofwondergifts.com).

**Nevins Memorial Hall**, 305 Broadway, Methuen; 978-686-4080.

**J. David Broudo Gallery of Art**, 4:30-6 p.m.; Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly; 978-

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This year, the romantic at heart will be able to enjoy not only engaging music but a delicious sampling of main dishes, hors d'oeuvres and desserts at the first annual "Taste of Music." The occasion is the upcoming Valentine concert of the Andover Chamber Music Series, on Sunday, Feb. 12, at 4 p.m., at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College. "A Taste of Music" immediately follows the concert from 6 to 8 p.m. This benefit is supported by some of Merrimack Valley's leading caterers and restaurants, including Raspberries, I Dream of Jeanne Cakes, Carven Catering, DISH, Best of Thymes and the Wyndham Hotel, plus Sweet Mimi's, Wild Oats, and others. All are donating their food and services. The cost is \$15 with a concert ticket; \$25 without. All proceeds will go toward Music for All, the ACMS outreach program, which offers underserved youths at the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club the opportunity to learn an instrument and sing in a chorus. "I love the idea of combining music and food in support of a good cause," says Andover caterer Dana Wilson of Raspberries (at right, with Julia Scolnik, artistic director of ACMS). "I'm delighted we are able to help." "Music plays a vital role in Proust's epic novel, *Remembrance of Things Past*, as a metaphor for experience and love," says Scolnik. Proust is known for his attachment to "petites madeleines," those buttery, sugary cookies whose taste spark his memory of youth. Madeleines will be featured at "A Taste of Music," along with samplings of appetizers, entrées, desserts, and wine.

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**Halle Library Archive and Museum Gallery**, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Barbara Broudo 978-232-2257.

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**Mingo Gallery**, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 252 Cabot St., Beverly; 978-927-5964.

**Gelb Gallery at Phillips Academy**, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, noon-4 p.m.; 978-475-4419.

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**Ayer Lofts Art Gallery**, a cooperative artist space in Lowell, Thursdays, 6-9 p.m.; Friday, Saturday, Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 172 Middle St., Lowell; Mandy Shear 617-335-0230 or ayerlofts.com/exhibits.

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**Ocmulgee Pottery & Fine Crafts**, gallery hours Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturdays 10

## How does your garden grow (better)?

Andover Garden Club appreciates native American shrubs

The Andover Garden Club announced that Laura D. Eisener, Massachusetts associate editor for *People, Places, Plants* magazine, will be the presenter at its February luncheon meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 7. Her program, entitled "Native Shrubs for Year-Round Interest," will be followed by a catered luncheon.

"While plants from Asia and Europe dominate the plantings in most suburban gardens, we have a wealth of native American shrubs that are just beginning to be appreciated," said Eisener. "A few, like mountain laurel and Catawba rhododendron, are likely to be familiar, but there are many others that are equally beautiful."

In her slide lecture, Eisener will show a number of varieties that can enliven New England gardens throughout all four seasons. She will also present design ideas for using shrubs in suburban yards.

Eisener is a landscape designer based in Saugus. She teaches in the landscape-design program of the Arnold Arboretum and is president of HortResources, a not-for-profit organization for gardeners and land-



PHOTOS BY FRANCES Y. J. WHEELER

On Tuesday, Feb. 7 the Andover Garden Club will present a program on using native American shrubs, such as mountain laurel (left) and cranberry-bush viburnum (right), to enhance Massachusetts gardens year round.

scape professionals of New England. In addition to serving as the Massachusetts associate editor for the New England gardening magazine *People, Places, Plants*, she frequently writes articles for the publication.

The luncheon meeting will be held at West Parish Church at Route 133 and Reservation Road. It will begin at 11 a.m. with social time, followed by appetizers, luncheon, and lec-

ture. The event will last approximately three hours.

The cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. To make a reservation and meal selection, contact AGC vice president and program chairman Carol Prentiss, by Feb. 5 at 978-470-0763 or cegp157@comcast.net.

This meeting will not take place if Andover public schools are closed due to inclement weather, organizers said.

a.m.-4 p.m., 26 Market St., Ipswich; 978-356-1298.

**Redbrick Fine Crafts**, gallery hours Monday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 26 Market St., Ipswich; 978-927-5615.

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**Newburyport Art Association**, free and open to the public; regular

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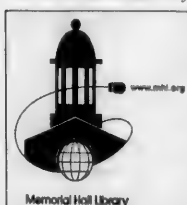
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## MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY NEWS

By Norma Gammon

Community service coordinator,  
Memorial Hall Library

HERE ARE SOME of the activities coming up at Memorial Hall Library this month.

All cultural programs are sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library.

Tuesdays in February

## FISH ON! ANDOVER 2006

Memorial Hall Library, and the Friends of the Library kick off their 7th annual month-long series of fishing programs and exhibits related to fishing, on Tuesday evenings from Feb. 7 through Feb. 28. These programs will start at 7 p.m. and are free to the public.

Last year, more than 500 fishermen, fisherwomen, and children attended these programs.

## Feb. 7, Ultimate Fishing for Giant Strippers and Bluefin Tuna with Captain Eric Stapelfeld, owner of Hairball Charters

Stapelfeld will feature wire lining for stripers and trolling for bluefin tuna out of Cape Cod and the islands.

## Feb. 14, Fresh Water Bass Fishing Techniques with Roger Aziz Jr.

Aziz will tell where, when and how to catch trophy bass. Winner of three state records, and five gold pin awards, he is the owner of Merrimack Valley Fishing Tours.

## Feb. 21, Main Wilderness Adventure with Russ Vitallo

A fishing guide in Massachusetts and New York, and on TV shows, Vitallo will show his 2005 video, *Fishing for Big Muskeg-lunge in Maine & New York, Smallmouth Bass, Walleyes, Striped Bass and Crappies*.

## Feb. 28, Bluefin Tuna on Fly and Light Tackle with Captain Derek Spingler and Nat Moody

Owners of First Light Anglers in Rowley, Spingler and Moody will present a slide show and video about finding, chasing, hooking, and landing tuna off Cape Ann and in Cape Cod Bay.

Combined with the speakers program, a separate display room will be set aside for literature, catalogs, and magazines from select manufacturers. Interesting fishing equipment, flies, tackle,

maps, and photographs will also be on display through the month. Programs begin at 7, fishing videos at 6; all programs are free.

## ARTIST OF THE MONTH - Nancy Carroll: PIGS! PEPPERS! PEOPLE! PORTRAITS IN WOOD

Pig ears, moose antlers, fish fins, artichoke hearts, flamingo feathers... Carroll is on intimate terms with all of these. When she uses her chisels and gouges to carve a six-foot tall portrait of an Italian pepper, she spent almost 50 hours inside the pepper. Her concentration and focus are intense. The thick slab of eastern white pine is gradually chipped away to reveal the secret, seedy, chambered world inside the glossy pepper.

Carroll finds what is beautiful, intricate, and interesting about things we see everyday. Come in and see how huge these pieces of sculpture are.

## GENEALOGY LOCK-IN

March 3, 5:30 to 10 p.m.

What is a lock-in? Participants enter the library between 5:30 and 6 p.m. after closing. The library will remain closed to the public. There will be a light meal. Patrons will have the use of the resources in the library until 10 p.m., including computers, microfilm readers, the Andover Room, access to Heritage Quest and Ancestry Library.com. Several library staff members and others with some knowledge of genealogy resources will be present to assist patrons. To participate, reserve a space and pay a modest fee of \$10. Call the library and speak to Norma Gammon at 978-623-8401 Ext. 49 or e-mail her at ngammon@mhl.org by Feb. 27.

## SUNDAY CONCERT: CONSTANTINE FINEHOUSE

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2 p.m., free

Finehouse has appeared in many different venues across the United States and Europe. Notably, he has been featured as a performer on the stages of New York's Alice Tully Hall, Boston's Symphony Hall, and the St. Louis Symphony Hall. He is the recipient of the 2004 St. Botolph Club Foundation Grant. His musical interest is rooted in the German Classical and Romantic traditions, with special focus on the works of Beethoven and Brahms. His broad repertoire, however, extends from Bach to contemporary composers such as Laderman, Harbison, and Bolcom.

## EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m.  
A PRAYER FOR OWEN MEANY,  
John Irving

## MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, Feb. 27, 10:30 a.m.  
MOUNTAIN BEYOND MOUNTAINS  
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## GREAT BOOKS

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Led by Beth Kerrigan, coordinator of children's Services, who is working with her own 6-year-old beginning reader, children will learn how fun reading books can be in a non-competitive atmosphere.

Children of all levels and abilities are welcome to attend and discover the fun of reading.

## A VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

Drop-In! No Registration.

Feb. 8, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Children ages 3 and older are invited to join the Junior Friends for some simple Valentine's Day crafts.

Make a love bug, a bookmark, a puppet, and lots of valentines for friends and family.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

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gallery hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Monday-Friday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, 65 Water St., Newburyport; 978-465-8769.

## Theater

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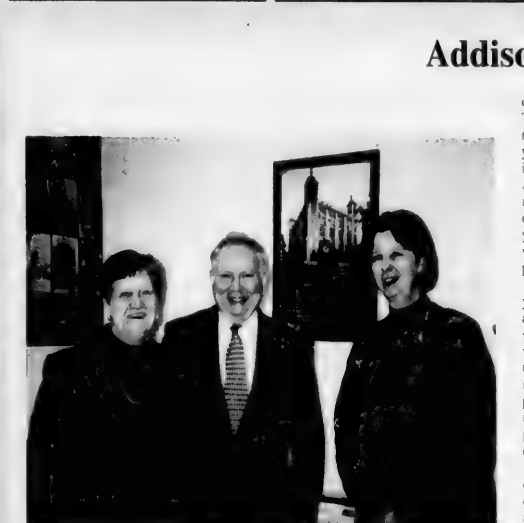
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## BRIEFS

### Quota receives \$10K grant

Salem Five Charitable Foundation awarded \$150,000 through a special grant program to celebrate the Salem Five Bank's 150th anniversary in 2005.

At the end of last year, grants in the amount of \$10,000 were awarded to Bread & Roses Inc., Immigrant Learning Center, Plummer Home for Boys, Quota International of Andover, and Triangle Inc.

The Andover Chapter of Quota International is a non-profit organization whose focus is to provide financial support, time and resources to meet the needs of women and children who are the victims of domestic abuse. Funding from the anniversary grant will support the Oasis program – transitional housing for victims of abuse, provided by the Greater Lawrence YWCA, according to a release. Quota members will help to furnish and provide supplies for Fina House, a new 20-unit building that will combine Oasis and the Teen Living Program.

### Andover Animal accredited

Andover Animal Hospital Inc. has again received accreditation following a comprehensive evaluation by the American Animal Hospital Association. The evaluation includes a quality assessment review of the hospital's facility, medical equipment, practice methods and pet health care management.

Only 15 percent of all small animal veterinary practices in the country have achieved accreditation by the American Animal Hospital Association. To maintain accredited status, Andover Animal Hospital must continue to be evaluated regularly by the association's trained consultants. It is located at 223 Lowell St. and has been an accredited practice member of the association since 1978.

### Drinon promoted to senior VP at Boston Partners

Boston Partners Financial Group LLC of Andover has promoted David S. Drinon to senior vice president. Drinon's business is primarily focused on the various financial products and services that the firm offers for wealth management and business planning. Boston Partners Financial Group is a financial services firm headquartered in Andover and is affiliated with Signator Investors Inc.



David Drinon

### Federico is a Hanscom ACE

Andover resident and L.G. Hanscom Field Airport Operations Shift Manager John Federico of Andover has been awarded ACE certification by the American Association of Airport Executives, announced the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport).

Known as Airport Certified Employee (ACE), the interactive program uses lectures and case studies to improve the skills of airport personnel in all aspects of operating their facilities. Those receiving certification must pass a written exam on FAA regulations and other airport-related material.

Massport's system of airports – Boston's Logan International Airport, Bedford's L.G. Hanscom Field and Worcester Regional Airport – is the first airport system in the U.S. to have all airport operations personnel ACE certified.

### Bridal show on Main Street

Bridal designer Anne Barge and Cristina's invite brides to attend a Bridal Trunk Show Feb. 3 and 4 at Cristinas on the second floor of 10-12 Main St., Andover. The event is by appointment only.

Cristina's will be showcasing gowns from the designer's spring 2006 collection, "which represents the grandeur of Russian culture during the era of Catherine the Great," according to a release.

## Been there, lost that

After shedding pounds through spinning, resident opens her own center

By Brian Davidson

Early last spring, Andover resident Kathy Malarney was an overweight stay-at-home mother trying every last trick to shed those extra pounds.

"Remember the cabbage diet?" she chuckled to Dan Fyfe, her former personal trainer. It was Fyfe who first introduced her to the stationary bike workout known as "spinning" – one of the hottest, most heart-pumping exercise trends of the fitness world.

He also started the wheels turning inside her head. Four months later and 30 pounds lighter, Malarney's idea to open up the first spinning studio in Andover was set into motion.

"We started taking it really serious when I lost all that weight," she said.

After six months of planning and renovations, Malarney and her old personal trainer have opened "SpinCity Training Studio," her own fitness center, complete with a 30-bike spinning studio, on the third floor of 305 North Main St. The multi-room floor used to be office space for a high-tech company prior to its year long vacancy.

After extensive renovations, the floor now includes full men's and women's locker rooms, a weight training room, a sofa lounge, and, of course, a state of the art spinning studio. There is also a cardiovascular room with various exercise machines, each of which faces its own flat screen television.

"We have the best spin bikes they make," said Fyfe, now SpinCity's senior manager and one of two certified personal trainers at the club.

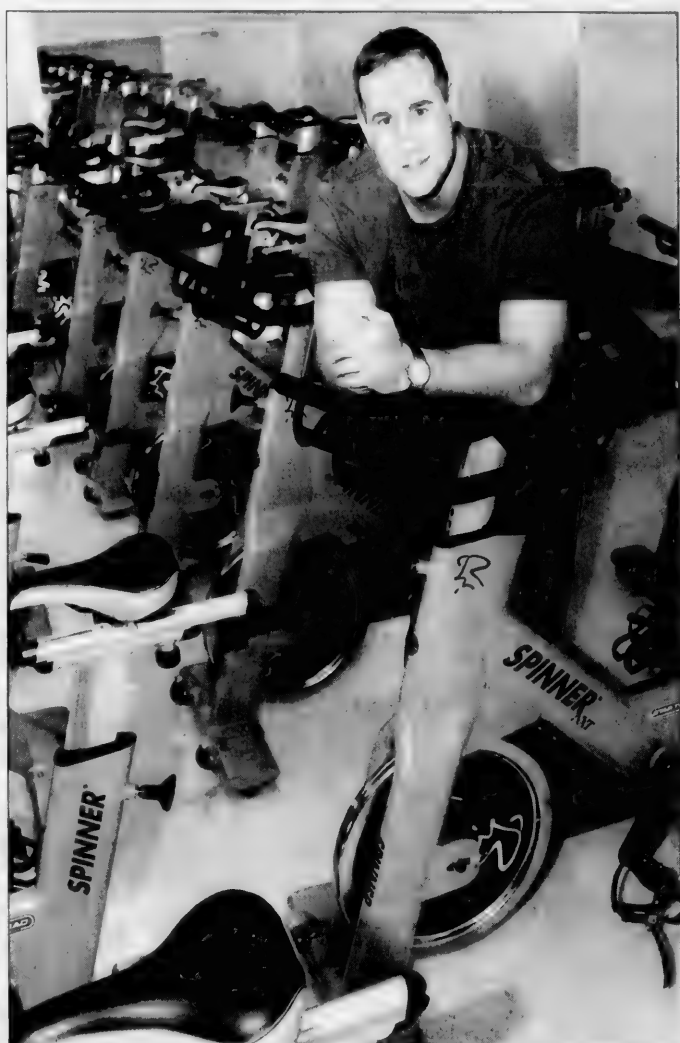
But that doesn't mean residents

need to be a pro to get on a bike. On the contrary, SpinCity aims to cater to people of all fitness levels, from first-timers to elite athletes. Malarney wants to provide a place for people who, like her, have been intimidated by the large gyms and aerobic classes that she believes demand too much from

beginners, inevitably discouraging them.

"The more and more I trained with Dan, the more and more I realized that the other gyms just aren't doing it," said Malarney.

Over the years Malarney had joined numerous gyms, paid her monthly membership fees, and



Dan Fyfe, senior manager, certified personal trainer and spin instructor, inside the spinning studio at SpinCity, 305 North Main St. opened by Kathy Malarney.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

seen limited results for her money, she said. With SpinCity, she's put her money where her mouth is, opening a gym to put the "personal" back in personal training.

But if residents would like to become a member of SpinCity, forget about it. They can't. There are no members. If they'd like to work out there, well, that's a different story. They won't be paying a monthly, or annual fee for their visits though. At SpinCity, people pay as they go. Customers can pay for a single session, or can purchase various individual or group packages that include up to 50 sessions. The more sessions they buy, the cheaper each individual session becomes.

This non-membership philosophy is designed to allow customers to pay only for the services that will meet their individual needs. People can choose to attend any of SpinCity's 13 weekly 45-minute spinning classes, or arrange for a one-on-one hour-long personal training session.

"If you want to come work out with me at six in the morning, I'll be here at six," said Fyfe, who has a bachelor's degree in exercise physiology. "I want to raise the bar for personal training."

An open house is planned for Saturday, Feb. 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Although new customers are still coming to SpinCity in "drips and drabs" as Malarney says, she remains confident that once people begin reaping the benefits of spinning, business will start rolling. How does she know that customers will be satisfied? Malarney isn't just the owner of SpinCity Training Studio – she's also a client.

### Upcoming events of the Merrimack Valley Chamber

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce together with Sovereign Bank will present "Come in from the Cold", a business networking mixer on Tuesday, Feb. 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Sovereign Bank, 296 Essex St., Lawrence. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. The cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members.

The Merrimack Valley of Commerce will present "A Special Report from Washington" on Monday, Feb. 13 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Wyndham Andover Hotel, 123 Old River Road, Andover.

Call 978-686-0900 for more information.

### It's Thursday? It's Ladies' Night

By Judy Wakefield

Over the past five years, downtown business owners have seen a trend in shopping. Bring in retail stores geared for female shoppers and the women will come.

In fact, they will shop at several stores, not just one.

So owners of these businesses geared to women shoppers have formed their own business group, meeting regularly to come up with ways to better serve these shoppers.

Now, six downtown businesses that cater to women have banded together to sponsor a Ladies' Night Out series that

steps off tonight, in fine fashion. Each business will take a turn at hosting the evening, which will be held in the lounge at Glory restaurant on Essex Street at 7 p.m. Events will be held at Glory at 7 p.m. on the next six consecutive Thursdays.

"The six owners of these businesses, who are all female, wanted to come up with something for our customers. Many of us share the same customers, so this Ladies Night theme came about... and, we like it," said Adrienne Sarkisian, who owns Glory.

Tonight, the upscale lingerie shop, Night & Day will present a

fashion show of lingerie from the shop. Next week, dresscode leads the evening, followed by Jeans Addiction, Indra Salon and Sparkle-Boston.

"Andover is unique with all these downtown businesses for women. It seems all the turnover in downtown over the past five years has meant another shop for women is landing," Sarkisian said.

In addition to fashion shows, plans call for makeovers and martini tastings at these events.

"It's for the clientele that we all share, embrace, and want to reward for their loyalty," Sarkisian said.

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## THE BACK PAGE

## The football man behind the field



Bill Dalton

field in his memory several years ago was a good thing to do, his influence with the girls and boys who attended Pynchard High School between 1911 and 1950 involved a lot more than simply football. He was respected by all and a mentor to many.

Gene Lovely went to Bates College in Lewiston, Maine and graduated in 1911. While there he played three sports, and when he was a senior he captained a fine football team and was class vice president. Bates had an innovative football program, one of the first in the country to use an "open" style offense. It shifted its backfield, used the forward pass, and ran intricate trick plays. The skills he learned on the Bates fields would help him greatly later on. His senior yearbook shows a good-looking, balding, young man with a broad nose and face. Next to his picture are the words, "Although his hair decreases, Cap's smile is still the same." In this formal picture he has a small smile with a pleasant, confident demeanor.

Directly from Bates, Lovely came to Pynchard and stayed there until 1950 when he retired as principal. Working at Pynchard was the only job Lovely ever held. He was the football coach for 30 years and the baseball coach for 29. For a few years, he coached track and basketball as well. For 10 years he was the sub-principal, and from 1940 to 1950 he was the principal.

While coaching and teaching at Pynchard, Lovely earned a master's degree at Boston University in 1919. He taught mostly sciences, primarily physics and chemistry. One of the high school yearbooks of the Lovely era makes reference to him as "Mentor Lovely" as if it were a bestowed title. If so, it was an apt title.

My father was the quarterback on two of Lovely's undefeated football teams in 1917 and 1918, and my namesake uncle was a halfback on those teams. My Aunt Frances, who headed up the Andover Schools art department, was both a student and co-worker with him. It is difficult for me to refer to Gene Lovely as anything but "Pop" Lovely or "Coach" Lovely, because his name was so often used in my family when I was growing up. I felt like I knew him.

For my dad, aunt and uncle, whose father had been killed when they were very young, Pop Lovely became a father figure. The bedtime stories that my father told me several times a week often involved Lovely. In our house, he was held in awe. As I grew up it was evident that awe for Lovely was a common feeling in many families. During his tenure, Lovely was on of the most respected people in town. Among others whom I remember talking about Lovely was Irving Whitcomb (called "Fat" Whitcomb by his numerous friends). When he spoke about Lovely it was as if he were speaking of a deity. When people referred to Lovely, words like "best," or "finest," or other superlatives were commonly used. It is not an exaggeration to say that he was "the legendary Pop Lovely."

It was through football coaching that much of the Lovely legend was built. Although it is in the nature of football for coaches to yell and be angry, and Lovely probably had his moments, I never heard anyone talk about that aspect of his coaching. More, you would hear about the values he taught.

While students should play hard and rough, playing dirty or unfairly was not condoned. "You always wanted to beat a team with its best players on the field," Lovely would say. You were supposed to be a gentleman off and on the field. You should never run up a score or brag about a victory. He would never have tolerated taunting an opponent or celebrating a score on the field. On the other hand, you should play harder and better than your opponents. You were insulting your opponent and yourself if you didn't do your best to win. While stressing that fundamentals were the critical skills, he brought from Bates to Pynchard a more exciting brand of football than was unusual for those days. It included lots of passing,

precision punting, quick kicking, and drop kicking. (Years later another legendary coach, Dick Collins, would bring a later innovative brand of football to Andover High School: the "run and shoot offense.")

Winning was important, and Lovely knew how to do that. His lifetime winning average was an incredible .728 (158 victories, 59 defeats and 30 ties). In 1937, he coached his third undefeated team. While holding down their margins of victory, that team outscored their opponents 235 to 12, finishing in a tie for the state championship. In 1961, Lovely was inducted into the Massachusetts High School Coaches Hall of Fame.

A photo titled "Eugene Lovely, Pynchard High football coach, 1939" (courtesy of Bernice Haggerty) shows a broadly smiling man in a sloppily worn sweat shirt. A baseball hat with a "P" is worn at a jaunty angle. He is at the Playstead, a place where he spent much of his life. I see a confident, happy man in the picture. Other pictures of him are similar. In group photos, such as football team pictures, where everyone else has a serious look Lovely has a smile, sometimes small but always there.

When I was 8 or 9, my father took me to visit Lovely. I wish my memory of the event were better; it may have been that I was too excited. We were vacationing in Maine, near where Lovely had retired in Portland. We didn't stay long but my father and his mentor had a pleasant, friendly conversation. I was struck at the fact that Lovely was smaller than I had expected and older. Of course, the stories I had heard had left me with a mental picture of a bigger-than-life person living in eternal prime condition. My father was less than 12 years younger than Lovely, but there seemed to be a much wider age spread. I don't remember the conversation, although I remember my father introducing me to "Coach Lovely" and that Lovely was a soft-spoken man.

It was recently announced by a private committee that it has raised money for improvements to the facilities at Eugene V. Lovely field. The field house added during the Andover High School renovation project is being named after Dick Collins, Andover High's Hall-of-Fame track and football coach. The Collins Field House and improved Lovely Field facilities are nice

## Selectmen's race on

## ■ TWO CHALLENGERS

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intendent. Among these jobs was his position as president and CEO of Advanced Schools, a private online middle school that he founded in 2004. According to Coffill, the school closed after its inaugural year. None of Coffill's nine other jobs during these 15 years lasted longer than 25 months. Coffill said that "all of [his] employment records are immaculate."

Coffill said he now teaches graduate classes part-time through the adjunct program at Fitchburg State College. He also just finished writing the third chapter of a book that he is working on about the future of public schools, as he sees it, he said.

"I think that suburban towns are in real critical times

now because urban America, and rightfully so, is conquering all the [state] money," said Coffill. "So we're really under the gun to make every dollar count."

Coffill said he also currently serves as an advocate for children with special education needs, and is the vice president of operations for the health-care company Ortho-supply Management. He hopes to add Andover selectman to his resumé following the March 28 election date.

"The town needs new blood, new ideas, new energy, and more importantly, some real due diligence," he said.

Candidates have until Feb. 7 to return papers to appear on the ballot. They must collect at least 50 signatures of registered voters and have them certified by the town clerk.

tributes to these men who meant so much to their students and athletes.

Although Collins started at Andover High School in the football season of 1959 and Lovely died in 1962, there are some people in town who knew them both. I would like to hear from them, and especially any memories they might have about Coach Lovely. I can be reached at bill dalton@billdaltononline.com.

A closing note: From readers of the Andover Townsman, I received lots of excellent information about Andover and the American chestnut tree as well as getting a wonderful picture of the Longfellow Chestnut Chair. I was especially tantalized by the possibility of a mature American chestnut tree surviving in town. I will incorporate this information in a future column.

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